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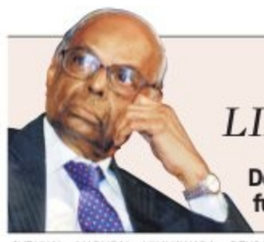

SMALL POSITIVE GROWTH LIKELY IN FY21: RANGARAJAN

Despite lockdown, agri and essential goods/services were fully operational in Q1, ex-RBI governor C Rangarajan said

ABOVE PAR PERFORMANCE NOT RULED OUT

Rangarajan and EY India chief policy advisor D K Srivastava in a paper stated though many have projected a sharp GDP contraction in 2020-21, there are reasons to believe the outcome may be much better. "Agriculture and related sectors, public administration and defence services may perform normally or better than normal," the paper said

FOREIGN INVESTMENT ANOTHER FACTOR

- Given the current geopolitical situation, Central and state governments have become more active in attracting investment from abroad, which could push growth, the paper noted
- It added reforms in corporate tax rates in 2019-20 will also facilitate the relocation of various production platforms to India

-23.9%

RECORD CONTRACTION IN INDIA'S GDP GROWTH IN THE 1ST QTR OF FY21

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India sees 90k new Covid cases, tally over 4.1 mn

Overtakes Brazil to become 2nd worst-hit country, but recovery rate improves to 77%

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@New Delhi

INDIA'S fresh Covid-positive count kept going North, with a record 90,632 new cases reported on Sunday morning. The overall case tally crossed 4.13 million, which took it past Brazil as the country with the second highest coronavirus cases. According to the World Health Organisation, Brazil has 40.41 lakh infected people.

On the positive side, as many as 31,80,865 people have recuperated so far, improving the national recovery rate to 77.32 per cent.

"For the second successive day, India has clocked a record recovery of more than 70,000 patients in a single day. 73,642 patients have recovered and been discharged from either home/facility isolation or hospitals in the last 24 hours," the Union Health Ministry said in its advisory.

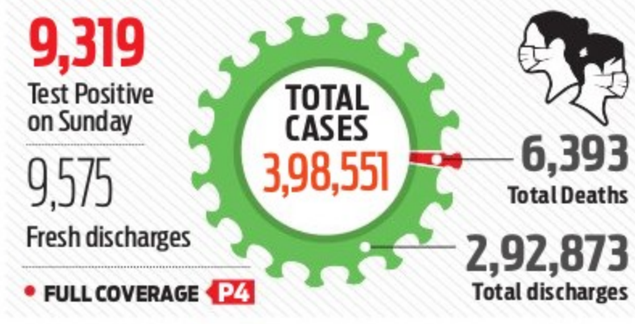
While the total coronavirus cases rose to 41,13,811, the toll was at 70,626 (over 70% of them due to co-morbidities) — with 1,065 deaths in the last 24 hours — bringing down the case fatality rate to 1.72%. As of 8 am on Sunday, there were 8,62,320 active cases of coronavirus infection in the country, which is 20.96% of the total caseload.

To help states contain the virus spike, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan spoke to health secretaries of five states and one Union Territory on the management of Covid in 35 districts under their jurisdiction.

Four of these districts are in West Bengal, 17 in Maharashtra; all 11 in Delhi and one each in Gujarat, Puducherry and Jharkhand.

Also, the Health Ministry has decided to deploy high level Central teams to Punjab and Chandigarh where cases are ballooning. The teams will be stationed there for 10 days.

Meanwhile, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation has proposed in the Supreme Court that full refund shall be provided by airlines immediately for tickets booked during the Covid lockdown period for domestic or international travel within the lockdown period. **P7**



KESAVANANDA BHARATI SRIPADAGALVARU DECEMBER 9, 1940 – SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

LONGEST HEARD CASE

The case of Kesavananda Bharati vs State of Kerala was heard for 68 days and continues to hold the top spot for the longest proceedings ever to have taken place in the top court. The Ayodhya land dispute case is the closest case in terms of longest day-to-day hearing.

Edneer Mutt seer who saved Constitution's basic structure

GEORGE POIKAYIL AND KANU SARDA @ Kasaragod / New Delhi

KESAVANANDA Bharati Sripadagalvaru, the Hindu seer whose petition in the Supreme Court led to the judgment that Parliament cannot alter the fundamental structure of the Constitution, died at his mutt in Kasaragod on Sunday.

Bharati, the pontiff of Edneer Mutt, died of heart ailment at 12.40 am, said his former manager and legal advisor I V Bhat. He was 79.

A week ago, Bharati was admitted to a hospital in Mangaluru. "He had a condition in his heart valve and the doctors advised surgery. But he returned to his mutt saying he could not stay away from the daily rituals," said Bhat.

Bharati's nephew Jayarama Manjathaya, anointed as the new seer of Edneer Mutt, led the funeral rites. Bharati was interred in the mutt on Sunday, following Covid protocols.

The seer had become a beacon of constitutional rights and found a place in law school syllabus when he challenged the constitutionality of the Kerala government's Land Reforms Act in the SC in 1970.

He lost the case, but his writ petition led to the adoption of the landmark Basic Structure Doctrine. The apex court ruled that Parliament cannot alter the fundamental structure of the Constitution.

The verdict involved 13 judges — the largest bench ever to sit in the apex court till date. The case was heard for 68 days and continues to hold the top spot for the longest proceedings ever to have taken place in SC.

The Ayodhya land dispute case is the closest case in terms of longest day-to-day hearing.

It's also the most cited constitutional case in Indian constitutional law. **P5**

EXPRESS READ

Central team to assess flood damage today

Bengaluru An Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT), with Home, Finance, Agriculture, Jal Shakti, Roads/Highways and PWD department officials, will visit Karnataka on Monday to assess the flood damage. **P5**

IPL schedule out, MI to face CSK in opener

Dubai: The BCCI on Sunday released the schedule for the upcoming IPL, and in keeping with tradition, defending champions Mumbai Indians will take on runners-up Chennai Super Kings in the opener in Abu Dhabi on September 19. **P11**

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3 police teams hunt for Aditya Alva; NCB to quiz councillor's son

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THE Central Crime Branch police, who have filed an FIR naming 12 people, including actress Ragini Dwivedi, in the Sandalwood drug racket case, have formed three special teams to track down Aditya Alva, the accused number 6, in the case. Aditya, son of former minister Jeevaraj Alva, has so far been untraced.

Ragini, who was arrested on Friday, was quizzed for over four hours on Sunday. Sources said she was mostly tight-lipped, but gave a statement that her friend Ravishankar, an RTO employee, was forcing her to take drugs whenever she attended parties. Meanwhile, her advocates have approached the courts for bail. The CCB is also questioning Viren Khanna, a drug dealer arrested from New Delhi, on how he established his network in Bengaluru and other cities of the Karnataka.

In another development, the Narcotics Control Bureau's (NCB) Mumbai Zone has summoned Yashas K, the son of BBMP Corporator S Keshavamurthy, in connection with an investigation in a drugs case. He has been asked to depose before it in Mumbai on Monday. **REPORTS | P3, 5**

Rijiju confirms five youths in PLA custody

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@Guwahati

UNION Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju on Sunday virtually confirmed that the five "abducted" Arunachal Pradesh youth were in the custody of China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) as he said the Indian Army had sent a hotline message to its Chinese counterpart.

"The Indian Army has already sent hotline message to the counterpart PLA establishment at the border point in Arunachal Pradesh. Response is awaited," Rijiju, who hails from Arunachal, tweeted.

The youth from the state's Upper Subansiri district were allegedly abducted by the PLA at the LAC after they had ventured out in the jungle for hunting. The incident came to light after two other villagers, who escaped, revealed it on Friday.

Arunachal police say such incidents do occur in that district.

BIGGEST HAUL

Seized sub-standard seeds coated with harmful chemicals

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

HARMFUL chemicals, which can cause serious health issues in both humans and animals, were used to coat thousands of tons of sub-standard seeds which were seized a few months ago, lab reports have revealed.

During the lockdown in April and May, Agriculture Department officials had seized 16,510 bags of maize seeds and 721 bags of sunflower seeds, altogether weighing about 10,000 quintals and worth ₹5.91 crore. This is said to be the biggest seizure by the department in such a short time. Cases were registered at Haveri, Ballari, Hubballi and Dharwad. Under the Seeds Act, 1996, Agriculture Department inspectors can seize fake/sub-standard seeds and initiate action against offenders.

In nine cases registered, 40 of the 65 offenders have been arrested. "The lab reports in six of these cases said chemicals like Thiamethoxam, Imidacloprid and Metal oxide had been coated on the seeds. We are yet to receive reports in three more cases," a police officer, who is part of the investigation, told *The New Indian Express*. "As part of the investigation, we had sought the opinion of experts, who say that these chemicals are harmful for human being and animals," the officer said.

When contacted, Agriculture Minister B C Patil confirmed that the seized stocks of seeds were chemically treated. "There has been progress in the investigation over the last four months and the chargesheet will be filed soon. We will take it to the logical end," he said. **P5**

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B C Patil, Agriculture Minister, Karnataka

ALMANAC TODAY
Monday 07/09/2020 • Year: Sarvari • Ayana: Dakshinayana • Ritu: Varsha
Masa: Bhdrapada • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Panchami 5:51 pm • Nakshatra: Bharani 5:57 am
Moon in Vrishabha Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am
Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER WATCH
MIN 22°C | MAX 28°C
FORECAST: Tstorms late. Mostly cloudy

Sunrise 6.08 am
Sunset 6.26 pm
Moonrise 8.55 pm
Moonset 9.56 am

A security guard conducts thermal screening at Cubbon Park in Bengaluru, as children were allowed in from Sunday after five months | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

'Keep traffic out, ban parking too in Cubbon Park'

Open only to cyclists, pedestrians; citizens also lobby for traffic-free lung space

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THE campaign by activists and citizens to ensure Cubbon Park remains vehicle-free, received a major boost on Sunday with the Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT) recommending to the State government to close the park for motorised traffic, and also ban parking within the largest lung space of the city. DULT comes under the Urban Development department.

DULT Commissioner V Manjula, who is also ex-officio Additional Chief Secretary, in her letter to the Secretary, Department of Horticulture and Sericulture, Rajender Kataria, said there is a thinking in a section of the government to reopen Cubbon Park for traffic. At the same time, DULT received representations from citizen groups to intercede on their behalf to ensure a traffic-free Cubbon Park. DULT then examined the matter in detail.

In her letter, Manjula stated that Cubbon Park is a vast green space in the heart of the city and needs to be preserved. In cities across the world, spaces in the city core are being reclaimed for the use of pedestrians and cyclists, and Cubbon Park is an ideal place for this. Pedestrians and cyclists can also use the Park as a shortcut to reach their destinations. Closing Cubbon Park to motorised traffic will not cause inconvenience as vehicles have alternative routes to reach their destinations, Manjula said.

> In cities across the world, spaces in the city core are being reclaimed for pedestrians and cyclists, and Cubbon Park is an ideal place for this
> V Manjula, DULT Commissioner

DULT is of the view that reopening Cubbon Park to traffic is not advisable and even vehicles parking should not be allowed here.

After Cubbon Park remained closed for vehicular movement during the lockdown, the State government decided to open it for traffic on August 23. Citizen groups and activists protested, forcing the government to retract "temporarily", in what seemed to be a victory for the citizens in reclaiming their lung space.

However, even during the closure, parking was allowed inside Cubbon Park. But now, with DULT's recommendations, citizens hope to reclaim their lung space completely.

Bull creates panic, injures 2 before choking to death

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THERE was panic at Annasandrapalya on Saturday when a bull went on the rampage, charged at two men and severely injured them.

The animal choked to death eventually when people tied it to a tree and the noose tightened when it tried to extricate itself. The incident, in the HAL police station limits, was recorded by onlookers.

The injured are identified as Gurappa (38), a mason, and Selvaraj (48), an employee in a brick factory. They were rushed to a private hospital and surgery was done on Sunday and they are recovering, the police said.

Based on a complaint by Selvaraj's family, the police have registered a case.

The incident took place around afternoon. It all started with a dog biting the bull. Unable to bear the pain, the bull started running on the main road, damaging shops on its way. When the crowd tried to chase it away, it went charging at the two men.

They fell down and it attacked them, according to a senior police officer.

Sampath Kumar, an eye witness, said that the onlookers who were video recording the incident tried to chase the bull away by throwing bamboo sticks and plastic pipes at it. After a few attempts, they managed to control it and tied its legs and neck with a rope.

The bull, which tried to escape by pulling at the rope for more than an hour, choked to death. The people then alerted the HAL police who inspected the spot.

The police are gathering information to see if someone owned the bull and later abandoned it. It is said the bull would roam around the locality.

EXPRESS READ

BNU 4th sem PG exams from Sept 21

Bengaluru North University will hold its 4th semester PG theory examinations from September 21. The examination for the 2nd semester backlog papers will also be conducted simultaneously. Prof K Janardhanam, Registrar (Evaluation), said the theory examinations will be for MA, MSc, M. Com, MLISC, MTTM, MFA, MASLP, M.Ed, MBA and B.P.Ed courses. The timetable has been uploaded on the website – www.bnu.ac.in. Janardhanam said all chief superintendents and college principals have been instructed to maintain social distance, sanitise examination halls, provide masks and sanitisers to students. Separate halls for Covid-positive students will be set up, he said. ENS

BUZZ BACK IN BIZ HUB

Despite half of Commercial Street being dug up for pipe laying work, citizens thronged the city's iconic shopping hub on Sunday. Pubs, bars, and Namma Metro have been opened under Unlock 4.0 in Bengaluru | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

KSOU opens admissions for 2020-21

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THE admission process for the undergraduate and postgraduate courses of the Karnataka State Open University, Mysuru, have begun for the academic year 2020-21 (July Cycle).

Courses available are BA/BCom, B Lib, MA/MCJ/MCom, MSc, MBA, MLib, PG diploma courses and certificate Courses. A release said the prospectus can be downloaded from the KSOU official website www.ksoumysuru.ac.in only, in which the eligibility criterion and fee structures are mentioned.

Candidates can visit KSOU's online admission portal to fill-up the online admission forms. The last date to apply is October 10, 2020. Women candidates under BPL category will get a concession of 25% each year.

Further information can be availed by contacting the regional director of the KSOU Women's Regional Centre using the office phone number — 08023448811— or mobile number — 9844506629.

MOMENT OF TRIUMPH

City boy is 7th SSLC topper after revaluation

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

A student of Vidya Vardhaka Sangha Sardar Patel High School in the city, who had missed out on cent per cent marks in the recent SSLC exams, has now joined the six other toppers after revaluation.

Amogh

When the SSLC results were announced, 11 students had missed the 100% by one mark. Amogh G K from Bengaluru opted for revaluation and has now become the seventh student in the state to score a 625/625 marks.

Speaking to TNIE, Amogh, a resident of Malleswaram, pointed out that when the results were announced, he had scored 624/625 and was quite happy with it. The one mark he had lost out was in the Kannada language paper and it was his Kannada teacher who advised him to apply for revaluation as he was confident that Amogh would have got full marks.

"My teacher called me and asked how I lost out on one mark in Kannada when I had done well in all other subjects. I told her that I was unsure what mistake I had made. She told me that I should go for revaluation and that she was confident I would have scored full marks. Her confidence pushed me to go for revaluation," said Amogh.

He said he got a scanned copy of his answer sheet and saw that he was given only three marks for a four-marks question though he had answered it correctly. "The evaluator had given me three marks. I applied for revaluation on August 20 and the result came out on September 5, where I got full marks in Kannada, taking my total marks to 625/625. I am glad that I listened to my teacher. It feels great to be a topper of the state," he said.

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> Amogh G K, student

Amogh said that he had got a seat at RV PU College and he wishes to become a professor in future. "I wish to get into the teaching field. My mother is a professor herself and I am inspired by her. Sanskirt and science subjects are my interests," he added.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

07th September: Attention all couch-potatoes. The Moon is in a contradictory phase, pointing to a general decline in energy levels. Like all generalisations, there are bound to be a million exceptions to this. However, if you feel like putting your feet up and watching the world go by, the Moon is on your side! More about the Moon, our nearest celestial neighbour, tomorrow.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
There are days when you have no choice but to come down to earth and be as business like as possible, and this is one of them. Never for a single moment should you drop your guard. Mind you, if you want to give yourself over to love and passion, that's a different matter!

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
You are on to a winner. Jupiter, planet of optimism, expansion and success, is on your team, urging you to greater achievements. All you need to do is keep your feet on the ground and take care of the facts. When your natural skill combines with the power of the stars you are unstoppable.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Nobody would blame you if you kept yourself to yourself. After all, there are times when even you have to go in for a spot of quiet reflection. Always ignore rumours and gossip, by the way for, if you act on unsubstantiated information, you risk damaging your reputation.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You're now in the clear on a personal matter, but you may be wondering why certain other people still refuse to be pinned down. An unlikely romantic goal now begins to seem attainable - at last. And, if a partner doesn't respond to pressure, you may try persuasion.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Although good communication is absolutely necessary, it's by no means certain that sticking to the facts will do you any good. You would do well to try and give reluctant partners a picture of how much better life would be if only they'd agree with you! They might not, though!

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You should spare a thought for ethical issues, like whether what you are doing is right and proper. If it is, all well and good. If not, make the necessary changes tomorrow. Romantic individuals, by the way, are about to receive an additional shot of passion.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Joint financial affairs could do with a little attention today, so why don't you clear paper-work and settle any debts that are due as soon as possible? Once new creative projects are under way, tried and tested solutions should offer the best route to success.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
The slow passage of planets through the most sensitive quarters of your solar horoscope suggests that, at the moment, personal motivation is everything. Employers may have to respect your desire to do things your way. But, if you follow your own path, it's even more essential that you do better than ever.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
There is a lot to be said for having a last burst of extravagance before the present financial cycle comes to an end. You would be wise to consult as many people as possible before committing yourself, though, for your judgement may not be at its best.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Venus and Mars are still linked, and given that these are the planets of love and passion it follows that the emotional temperature is still high. You should aim for activities which are enthusiastic, optimistic and idealistic - and involve other people.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You'll have to take more notice of family obligations and domestic routine than expected. You should also set aside sufficient time to accomplish whatever is necessary. This is not the moment to stick your head in the sand, so face real life head on!

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
It's a useful day for discussions, so keep other people up to date with your thoughts. But hold something back if you have the least inkling that partners are not yet ready to hear the whole truth. Sometimes you need to give other people the chance to catch up.

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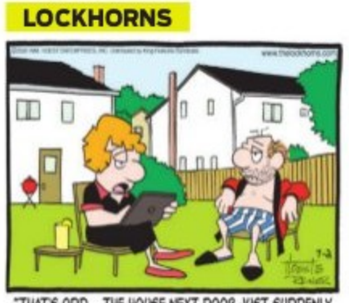

DENNIS THE MENACE

Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

SUDOKU

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MEDIUM

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

4	3	2	7	6	1	9	5	8
5	1	6	8	9	2	4	7	3
8	7	9	4	5	3	6	2	1
7	5	3	9	1	4	2	8	6
2	9	8	6	3	7	5	1	4
6	4	1	2	8	5	7	3	9
1	6	7	3	2	9	8	4	5
9	2	5	1	4	8	3	6	7
3	8	4	5	7	6	1	9	2

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

HUSSI
RYMER
PSOOEP
TRAGEH

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print your answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: PRONG GRIPE GOPHER INVITE
Answer: The arm wrestling match held everyone's attention because it was — GRIPPING

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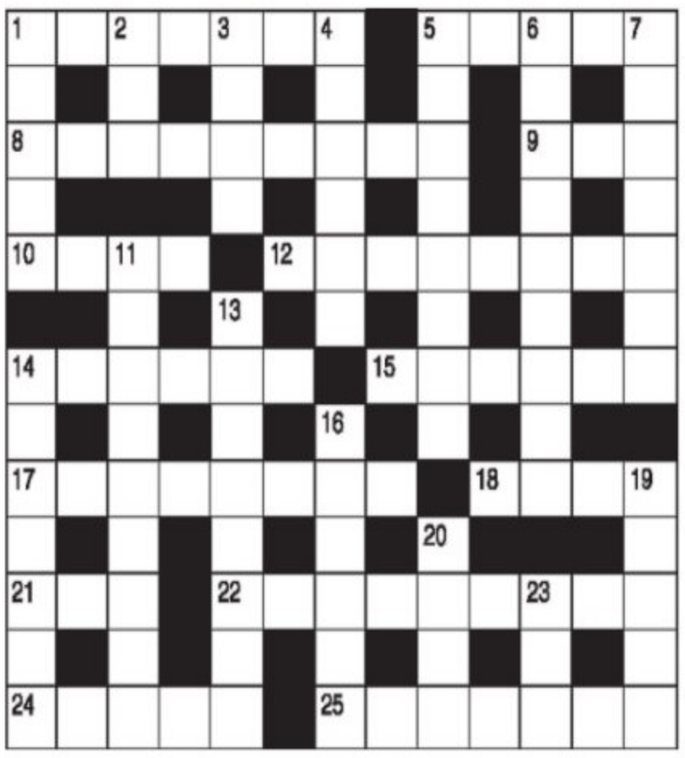
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Judges a form of conkers (7)
5 Leading cook holds one (5)
8 Instruction on course to be taken (9)
9 Girl to take to court (3)
10 Press a curtain material (4)
12 I'm playing a part that's impressive (8)
14 A new affair that's binding (6)
15 As a whole where diplomats excel (6)
17 Set traps for the barmen (8)
18 The last of the wine (4)
21 A blooming necklace? (3)
22 Stone fruit aren't nice cut up (9)
24 It makes things less sharp (5)
25 Approach somebody, but not in a direct way (5,2)

DOWN

1 Bones placed in a circle (5)
2 Dog used in a security role (3)
3 No longer in London, certainly (4)
4 Not a good mark to get (6)
5 A mild expletive to cause amazement (8)
6 Get a sit-in arranged and use provocation (9)
7 Crashed fighter is picked up by ship (7)
11 Children get away with a leap (9)
13 Radio user gets a new set in a ship (8)
14 Noisy instruments possibly startle (7)
16 Summary of new prices (6)
19 Be off for the rest of the night (5)
20 Tie up in hospital (4)
23 Anger in answering back (3)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Heliport, 5 Parr, 9 Rondo, 10 Sealing, 11 Strong points, 13 Euclid, 14 Cleave, 17 Straight talk, 20 Romance, 21 Eerie, 22 Dash, 23 Seasonal.

Down: 1 Hero, 2 Lunatic, 3 Propositions, 4 Resign, 6 Asian, 7 Register, 8 Man of letters, 12 Leisured, 15 Aileron, 16 Cheese, 18 Remus, 19 Bell.

Health minister B Sriramulu on Sunday said the government is committed to root-out the drug mafia and make the state drug-free. The drug menace is not just limited to film personalities, he said.

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STRAWS IN THE WIND

The part-time FM conundrum

With the GST compensation issue hogging the national limelight, finance ministers of States are presenting their cases, but Karnataka has a unique problem. The State has a representative -- Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai -- to send to GST Council meetings, but in the absence of a full-fledged finance minister, matters are becoming quite problematic. CM BS Yediyurappa holds additional charge of finance. Before him, former CM HD Kumaraswamy held the added portfolio of finance, and before him, it was ex-CM Siddaramaiah. Technically, the last time Karnataka had an exclusive finance minister who was not also the CM, was in 2006 when Yediyurappa was Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Finance in the BJP-JDS coalition government under Kumaraswamy's chief ministership. Our CMs do love to hold on to their finances, don't they?

Covid and the neta

A few Covid survivors from netadom -- whose names cannot be disclosed, for obvious reasons -- are getting bouts of fever even after recovering from the virus. While they have consulted doctors about the worrying fever, they don't want to make their condition known, again for obvious reasons. For these politicos, a lot is at stake, having built their careers and images over the years. Now strongmen cannot appear fragile, can they? Especially as there is no retirement age in politics. This is also why many netas who contracted Covid-19 got themselves treated anonymously.

The waiting game

Three men are running out of patience, said to be the hardest of virtues. The hardest part must be the wait. MLCs MTB Nagaraj, R Shankar and H Vishwanath, who were finally nominated to the Legislative Council, spent months in the grey zone, answering questions on when they would become MLCs, and whether they would. They had played a high-stakes game -- while R Shankar sacrificed his seat, Vishwanath and MTB were on the backfoot, having lost the bypolls. With less than three years left for this assembly, the trio once again face the haunting question, "When will you become minister?"

RAGINI NOT MEMBER OF PARTY: BJP

Pictures of the actor campaigning circulated on social media even as the party distanced itself from her

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE State unit of the BJP said on Sunday that Kannada actor Ragini Dwivedi, arrested in a drug case, is not a member of the party.

The party issued a statement after videos of the actor campaigning for the party during the 2019 bypolls went viral, saying that she was not asked to campaign.

"We disown Ragini Dwivedi. Hundreds of celebrities from different walks of life campaigned for the BJP 'voluntarily' during the 2019 by-elections. Ragini Dwivedi may have been one among them," said a statement from Capt Ganesh Karnik, BJP spokesperson.

He said the BJP was not answerable or accountable for Ragini's activities in personal and professional life.

When TNIE asked if the party had approached the actor for campaigning, Capt Ganesh Karnik said, "In my knowledge, the party did not approach Ragini Dwivedi or hire her as a star campaigner for the 2019 bypolls. No contracts were made or money paid for her to campaign for the BJP. Many people campaigned for the party voluntarily and she did too. We do not deny that she campaigned for the BJP but she is not a member of the party. Irrespective of whether she is a member or not or has worked for the party or not, action will be taken against anyone involved in the drugs racket."

Lawyer files for regular bail

Bengaluru: Kannada film actress Ragini Dwivedi's advocates have approached the courts for bail after she was arrested on Friday evening by the Central Crime Branch. Earlier, Dwivedi had sought anticipatory bail, and the petition was in court at the time of her arrest. Her advocates have now sought regular bail before the City Civil & Sessions Court, which is yet to take it up. CCB sources said the police are preparing to request the court to extend the police custody of the accused actress, which will end on Monday

She claims she is just a consumer and had no clue that her friends, Ravishankar and Rahul Shetty, were drug peddlers
Police sources

Actor Ragini Dwivedi campaining during the KR Pet bypolls in December 2019

Actor claims friend forced her to take drugs at parties: Police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

SANDALWOOD actress Ragini Dwivedi, who was arrested by the Central Crime Branch (CCB) police in connection with the contraband drugs case in Sandalwood, was said to be tight-lipped during the police inquiry.

Dwivedi, who was arrested on Friday, was questioned for more than four hours on Sunday. Two police inspectors, who had prepared a questionnaire with 50 questions, grilled her. It is learnt that she did not answer most of the questions, while to some she replied that she had already answered them on Friday.

Speaking to TNIE, CCB sources said that in her statement, she said her friend Ravishankar allegedly forced her to take drugs whenever she attended parties. "She claimed that he also introduced her to some prominent people who were already into drug abuse. She denied revealing more information, stating she had told them whatever she knew."

"She claims she is just a consumer and had no clue that her friends, Ravishankar and Rahul Shetty, were drug peddlers," the source said, adding that the actress was refusing to answer their questions stating that she had a severe back pain.

It is also learnt that she complained to the officers that the facility where she was kept lacked basic amenities. The police also turned down her mother's request to meet her on Sunday and asked her to get the court's permission to do so.

Meanwhile, CCB sleuths continued questioning Viren Khanna, a drug dealer arrested from New Delhi, about how he established his network in Bengaluru and other cities in Karnataka.

It is learnt that two women, who are said to be his associates and aided his illegal business in the city, were picked up for questioning and were let off later after directing them not to leave the city and to appear before the police when summoned.

Mumbai NCB summons son of corporator

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Mumbai zone of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) summoned the son of a BBMP corporator in connection with an probe into a an international drug racket. Yashas K is the son of Mahalakshmi Layout ward corporator S Keshavamurthy.

The NCB carried out raids in Mumbai in August, and unearthed links among drug networks in Mumbai, Goa and Bengaluru. The NCB's Bengaluru unit recently intercepted F Ahmed, a driver with a resort in Calangute, Goa, who reportedly "supplied contraband narcotic drugs to a prominent receiver in Bengaluru, who has links with celebrities".

Ahmed revealed names of people in Bengaluru, including that of Yashas. NCB issued a notice to Yashas asking him to appear before the its Mumbai unit on Monday.

Keshavamurthy maintained his son was innocent. "Links of this case to the drug menace in Sandalwood have not been clearly established yet," officials said.

EXPRESS READ

CM calls cabinet meeting today

Bengaluru: There is intense curiosity about the Samalochana Sabha or consultative meeting CM B S Yediyurappa has called on Monday evening of his cabinet, in his home office Krishna. Political circles are rife with talk that Yediyurappa, who is under pressure to reshuffle his cabinet and induct the remaining members of the 'rebel group', may speak to some of his colleagues and urge them to step down and take up party work. Some ministers told TNIE that there was communication as to what the meeting was about. The CM is said to be looking for more flexibility whenever he goes in for a reshuffle, which could be a few weeks away.

Cops to crack down on ganja growers in Chamarajanagar

We've stepped up vigil at inter-state checkposts too
Divya Sara Thomas, SP

K SHIVA KUMAR @Mysuru

CLOSE on the heels of the drug racket involving Sandalwood celebrities, the government has directed the police to crackdown on illegal growing of marijuana (ganja), particularly in forests and remote areas.

Top police officials have directed subordinates to launch combing operations and conduct raids at farmlands, as ganja is typically cultivated in September and November.

With 49 per cent forest cover, three national parks, tiger reserves and hilly terrain in Kollegal and Hanur taluks, Chamarajanagar district attracts ganja growers and contract farmers.

Police say around 100 cases of ganja cultivation and peddling were reported in the district in the past three years.

Since Hanur, in Chamarajanagar, is close to the Tamil Nadu and Kerala borders, those involved in ganja cultivation have easy access to buyers. Even peddlers from these states are involved in contract farming of the contraband in the district.

Realising that it is impossible for just the police to keep a tab on ganja farming in remote areas, the department is planning to join hands with the forest and agriculture departments, and also rope in village accountants and panchayat development officers to keep their eyes and ears open. Officers are also seeking the support of tribals to tip them off about ganja cultivation. Those informing the police will be rewarded and their identity will be kept hidden.

Chamarajanagar Superintendent of Police Divya Sara Thomas said "We have stepped up vigil at inter-state checkposts too," she added.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is inform the General public that my client intends to purchase the below mentioned schedule properties from its owners Ramesh M S/o Late Muniyappa & others, Narasimhamurthy M S/o Late Muniyappa & others situated at Bommavara village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.

SCHEDULE-A

Property bearing old Sy.No.138/4, new Sy.No.138/14 measuring 0-23 Guntas bounded on **East by** Muni Narasimhappa property **West by** Road, **South by** Jutte Narayanappa property **North by** Narasimhamurthy M property.

SCHEDULE-B

Property bearing old Sy.No.138/4, new Sy.No.138/15 measuring 0-24 Guntas bounded on **East by** Muni Narasimhappa property **West by** Road **South by** Ramesh M property **North by** Narayanappa property.

Any body claiming to have any right, title or interest in the said properties should forward their objections to the following along with the copies of documents supporting to their claim within a period of 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which my client consider that there is no objections / claims over the properties and will proceed to purchase the aforesaid properties from its above mentioned owners.

CHANDRASHEKARA. AN, Advocate, No.39/2, 3rd Floor, ASVNV Bhavan, KG Road, Bangalore-560009. Mobile: 9448552924

ANDHRA PRADESH MEDICAL SERVICES & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

2nd Floor, Plot No.9, Survey No.49, IT Park, Mangalagiri - 522 503
Ph.No. 9121053550, email: aphmhidc@gmail.com & ed.apmsidc16@gmail.com

Tender Notice No.9/APMSIDC/2020-21, Dated: 04-09-2020

APMSIDC invites tenders through e-procurement platform for
Equipment Wing: 1. Selection of Patient Provider Support Agency for TB Care in Private sector in the State of A.P.. 2. Procurement of Medical Equipment to various Govt. Hospitals under various Schemes in A.P 3. Procurement of smart health watches to HM & FW, A.P.
Drugs Wing: 1. T.No.74/APMSIDC/Medicine Wing/2020-22, Dt: 04.09.2020. - Procurement and Supply of Asha sarees to 13 districts of AP. 2. T.No. 75/APMSIDC/Medicine Wing/2020-22, Dt: 04.09.2020. Procurement and Supply of ELISA Dengue Kits to 13 districts of AP.
Civil Wing: 1. Supply, installation and commissioning of oxygen generation plant at Kurnool, Kadapa, Tirupati and Anantapur districts in A.P. APMSIDC will reserve the right to cancel the tenders at any time without assigning any reasons.

Sd/- Managing Director

PUBLIC NOTICE

The State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority-Karnataka (Constituted by MoEF, Government of India, under section 3(3) of E(P) Act, 1986) through No. SEIAA 146 CON 2019 Date: 07-08-2020 has accorded Environmental Clearance Certificate to M/s Jaganmayi Infra Solutions Private Limited. Salarpuria Windsor, No-3, 4th Floor, Ulsoor Road, Bangalore-560042 for their Construction of Proposed IT Office Building Project at Sy.Nos.27/1, 27/2, 28/1, 28/2, 28/3, 28/4, 28/5, 29/1, 29/2, 30/8(P), 32/21(P), 32/22(P), 32/27(P), 32/29(P), 33/1(P) 33/2(P) of Bellandur Village Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District. The Copy of the same is available on their website:
Website http://environmentclearance.nic.in
http://seiaa.karnataka.gov.in.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority-Karnataka (Constituted by MoEF, Government of India, under section 3(3) of E(P) Act, 1986) through No. SEIAA 19 CON 2020 Date: 07-08-2020 has accorded Environmental Clearance Certificate to M/s Trinayani Realtors Pvt Ltd. Salarpuria Windsor, No-3, 4th Floor, Ulsoor Road, Bangalore-560042 for their Proposed Mixed Use Development Project at Sy.Nos.39/2, 41/1, 43, 44, 75/1 of Udayagiri Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.
The Copy of the same is available on their website:
Website http://environmentclearance.nic.in
http://seiaa.karnataka.gov.in.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority-Karnataka (Constituted by MoEF, Government of India, under section 3(3) of E(P) Act, 1986) through No. SEIAA 125 CON 2019 Date: 07-08-2020 has accorded Environmental Clearance Certificate to M/s Darshita Housing Private Limited. Salarpuria Windsor, No-3, 4th Floor, Ulsoor Road, Bangalore-560042 for their Construction of Proposed IT Office Building Project at Sy.Nos.44(P), 46(P) & 47(P), Electronic City 2nd Phase, Konappana Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk Bengaluru. The Copy of the same is available on their website:
Website http://environmentclearance.nic.in
http://seiaa.karnataka.gov.in.

TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

Registered Address: 11th Floor, Tower A, Peninsula Business Park, Ganpatrao Kadam Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai – 400013.
Branch Address: No 82/1, Ground Floor, Krishna Towers, Bengaluru 560025

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Under Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the below Borrower/ Co- Borrower that the below described immovable property mortgaged to Tata Capital Housing Finance Ltd. (Secured Creditor), the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Tata Capital Housing Finance Ltd. (Secured Creditor), will be sold on **25.09.2020 "As is where is" & "As is what is" and "Whatever there is"** for recovery of total sum of outstanding from Borrower/Co-borrower. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below.

Whereas the sale of secured asset is to be made to recover the secured debt and whereas there was a due of a sum of mentioned below. Notice is hereby given that, in the absence of any postponement/ discontinuance of the sale, the said property shall be sold by E- Auction at respective branches. The sealed E- Auction for the purchase of the property along with EMD Demand Draft shall be received by the Authorized Officer of the **TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LTD.** The sale of the property will be in "as is where is condition" and the liabilities and claims attaching to the said property, so far as they have been ascertained, are specified in the Schedule.

Sl No.	Loan A/c No. Branch	Name of Obligor(s)/ Legal Heir(s)/ Legal Representative (s)	Amount as per Demand Notice	Reserve Price	Earnest Money	Date of Property Inspection	Last date & time of submission of sealed Bid / Offer	Date & Time of E-Auction
1	9892376 Bangalore	M CHANDRA (Borrower) and Mrs. Mamatha K M. (Co-Borrower)	Rs.19,08,789/- as on 27th Oct, 2018	Rs.22,46,400/-	Rs. 2,24,640/-	11.09.2020 between 11 AM to 5.00 PM.	24.09.2020 till 5 PM	25.09.2020 between 2.00 PM to 3.00 PM

Description of Secured Asset: All that piece and parcel of property bearing No.2206, Gram Panchayat No. 150300402600303388, situated at Sulibele Village & Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, measuring East to West: 18.28 Mtrs and North to South: 12.18 Mtrs totally measuring 222.96 Mtrs and followed with boundaries:- East: Road, West: Site No.2, North: Road, South: Site No.11 & 12.

2	9772682 Bangalore	Mr. Karthik Chandrashekhar (Borrower) Mr. Gundappa Chandrashekar (Co-borrower)	Rs. 20,69,080/- as on 20th November, 2018	Rs.28,33,380/-	Rs. 2,83,380/-	11.09.2020 between 11 AM to 5.00 PM.	24.09.2020 till 5 PM	25.09.2020 2.00 PM

Description of Secured Assets: DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: ITEM NO.1: All that piece and parcel of Vacant Site No.1, Katha No. 40, Assessment No. 4, Situated at KG Sreekantapura Village, Madavara Vilage Panchayath, Dasanpura Hobli, Banglaore North Taluk and bounded on: East: Others property, West : 25 ft road, North: Others property and South : Site No.2. Measuring East to West 43.5ft and North to South 31 ft totally measuring 1348.5 Sq ft.

ITEM NO.2: All that piece and parcel of Vacant Site No.2, Katha No. 40, Assessment No. 4, Situated at KG Sreekantapura Village, Madavara Vilage Panchayath, Dasanpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and bounded on: East: Others property, West : 25 ft road, North: Site No.1 and, South: Site No.3. Measuring East to West 42.5ft and North to South 30 ft totally measuring 1275 Sq ft.

At the Auction, the public generally is invited to submit their bid(s) personally
The description of the Secured asset/ property that will be put up for sale is as per above Schedule. The E auction will be stopped if, amount due as aforesaid, with interest and costs (including the cost of the sale) are tendered to the 'Authorized Officer' or proof is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such secured debt, interest and costs has been paid before the date of the auction.
No officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with this sale shall, however, directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold.
The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and to the following further conditions:
The E-auction will take place through portal **https://DisposalHub.com** on **25/09/2020 between 2.00 PM to 3.00 PM** with limited extension of 10 minutes each.
Terms and Condition:
1. The particulars specified in the Schedule herein below have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. In the event of any dispute arising as to the amount bid, or as to the bidder, the lot shall at once again be put up to auction subject to the discretion of Secured Creditor. **2.** The property shall not be sold below the Reserve Price. **3.** Bid Increment Amount will be: Rs.10,000/- (Ten Thousand Only) **4.** All the Bids submitted for the purchase of the property shall be accompanied by Earnest Money as mentioned above by way of a Demand Draft favoring the "TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LTD." payable Bangalore. No 82/1, Ground Floor, Krishna Towers, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025. The Demand Drafts will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders after auction. **5.** The highest bidder shall be declared as successful bidder provided always that he/she is legally qualified to bid and provided further that the bid amount is not less than the reserve price. It shall be in the discretion of the 'Authorized Officer' to decline acceptance of the highest bid when the price offered appears so clearly inadequate as to make it inadvisable to do so. **6.** For reasons recorded, it shall be in the discretion of the 'Authorized Officer' to adjourn/discontinue the sale. **7.** The person declared as a successful bidder shall, immediately after such declaration, deposit twenty-five per cent of the amount of purchase money/bid which would include EMD amount to the 'Authorized Officer' within 24Hrs and in default of such deposit, the property shall forthwith be put to fresh auction/Sale by private treaty. **8.** In case the initial deposit is made as above, the balance amount of the purchase money payable shall be paid by the purchaser to the 'Authorized Officer' on or before the 15th day from the date of confirmation of the sale of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be a Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day. **9.** In the event of default of any payment within the period mentioned above, the property shall be put to fresh auction/Sale by private treaty. The deposit including EMD shall stand forfeited by TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LTD and the defaulting purchaser shall lose all claims to the property. **10.** Details of any encumbrances, known to the TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LTD, to which the property is liable: Nil. Claims, if any, which have been put forward to the property and any other known particulars bearing on its nature and value: Nil **11.** For any other details or for procedure online training on e-Auction to the prospective bidders may contact the Client Service Delivery (CSD) Department of our Sales & Marketing and e-Auction Service Provider, M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited, Address: #203, 2nd Floor, Shree Shyam Palace, Sector: 4&5 Crossing, Railway Road, Gurugram – 122 006 through its Mobile No. +91 97100 29933, +91 98100 29926, Tel. No. +91 124 4 233 933, E-mail ID: CSD@disposalhub.com or Arjit Bhatt, Email id Arjit.bhatt@tatacapital.com Authorized Officer Mobile No 9029073280. Please send your query on WhatsApp Number – 9029073280. **12.** Please refer to the below link provided in secured creditor's website **For Sl. No. 1: https://bit.ly/2Z8Wtou For Sl. No. 2 : https://bit.ly/3i5MO9Q for the above details.**

Date: 06/09/2020
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorized Officer
Tata Capital Housing Finance Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE-AUCTION CUM SALE OF PROPERTIES

Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers and Guarantors that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Asset Reconstruction Company India Ltd (Arcil)** an Asset Reconstruction Company registered with Reserve Bank of India under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act, 2002. Arcil has acquired from the banks / financial institutions mentioned below the financial assets and has acquired the rights of the Secured Creditor. The assets will be sold on on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis** as per the brief particulars given hereunder as per below mentioned schedule:

Sr. No.	Name of Bank	Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower / Guarantor	Trust Name	Type/ Size in/ Nature of Property	Total Outstanding dues net off Recovery	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR	Reserve Price in INR	Date of Inspection	Date and Time of Auction	Type of Possession
1	Federal Bank Limited	M/s. Viswakarma Gold Palace, Mr. N.Rajesh, Mrs. B.R.Dhanalaxmi	Arcil-SBPS -029-I -Trust	Land & ACC Shed: 8793 Sq.Ft (Freehold)	16,01,64,163/- as on 31.07.2020	15,00,000/-	1,50,00,000/-	21/09/2020 between 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM	12/10/2020 at 02.00 PM	Symbolic

Property Description/Schedule: 1) All that piece and parcel of property bearing Katha No.149/1, HL Nos. B1 & B2, SAS Katha No.1796, converted Sy.Nos.10/6, 10/1 and 10/8, Converted for residential purpose from Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District Vide its Order No. B.DIS.ALN. SR(S)403/1992-93 dated 19-05-1993, situated at Sonnathamanahalli Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now comes under Jurisdiction of BBMP Limits, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 75 ft and North to South: 63ft, in all measuring 4725 Sq.ft together with all appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, **(belonging to N.Rajesh) and bounded on the East by:** Private Property, **West by:** Site No.B3, **North by:** Private Property, **South by:** 30 ft Road.
2) All that piece and parcel of property bearing Katha No.150/1, HL Nos. C1 & C2, SAS Katha No.1795, converted Sy.Nos.10/6, 10/1 and 10/8, Converted for residential purpose from Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District Vide its Order No. B.DIS.ALN. SR(S)403/1992-93 dated 19-05-1993, situated at Sonnathamanahalli Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now comes under Jurisdiction of BBMP Limits, Bangalore, measuring East To West:75ft & North To South: (40+68.6)/2 feet in all measuring 4,068 Sq.ft, together with all appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface , **(belonging to B.R. Dhanalaxmi) and bounded on the East by:** Private Property, **West by:** Site No.C3 & C4, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Private Property.

Important Information regarding Auction Process

1	Auction Date	As prescribed herein above	5	Last date for Submission of EMD	Same day 2 hours before Auction
2	Place for Submission of Bids and Place of Auction	Unit No.305, 3rd Floor, Kedia Arcade, No.92, Infantry Road, Bangalore 560 001.	6	All payments including EMD to be made by way of Online / Electronic Mode only RTGS / NEFT payable to: Note: No Cash, Cheque or DD will be accepted.	**Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd.,** A/c No.02912320000561, **Bank Name:** HDFC Bank Ltd. **IFSC Code:** HDFC0000291, **Bank Branch Address:** Ground Floor, Express Tower, Landmark-Next to Air India Building, Nariman Point Mumbai-400021, Maharashtra
	Bid can also be submitted online to: madan.kumar@arcil.co.in / kamal.mishra@arcil.co.in	Online or in person, depends upon covid-19 situation.			
3	Web-Site For Auction	www.arcil.co.in			
4	Contact Persons with Phone Number	Mr. Madan kumar.R - 9962555312 (Bangalore) / Mr. Kamal Mishra - +91 9819820760 (Mumbai)	7	Time of Inspection	11 A.M. - 4 P.M. **Note: Date & time of inspection may be changed in view of Covid-19 situation.**

* A bidder may, on his own choice, avail the facility of online participation in the auction by making application in prescribed format which is available along with the offer/tender document on the website address mentioned hereinabove. Online bidding will take place at web-site of organization as mentioned hereinabove, and shall be subject to the terms and conditions contained in the tender document. The Tender Document and detailed Terms and Conditions for the Auction may be downloaded from our web site: www.arcil.co.in or the same may also be collected from the concerned Branch office of Arcil as stated above. Please note that sale shall be subject to the terms and conditions as stated in the Bid Document Sale is strictly subject to terms and conditions incorporated in this advertisement and the prescribed Bid/Tender Document. The Authorized Officer reserves right to reject any/all bids without assigning any reason. This notice is also to be treated as a 30 Days notice under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 07-09-2020

Sd/- Authorized Officer,
Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited

ASSET RECONSTRUCTION COMPANY (I) LTD. CIN-U65999MH2002PLC134884
Registred Office: The Ruby, 10th Floor, 29 Senapati Bapat Marg, Dadar (West), Mumbai-400028. Tel: + 91-2266581300. www.arcil.co.in
Branch Address: Unit No. 305, 3rd Floor, Kedia Arcade, No.92, Infantry Road, Bangalore 560 001.

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TRACKING COVID-19

While the introduction of special trains to Mysuru has delighted those planning to return to the city, the decision has put people in fear as many with travel history have tested positive in the district

9,575 NEW RECOVERIES

2,92,873 TOTAL RECOVERED

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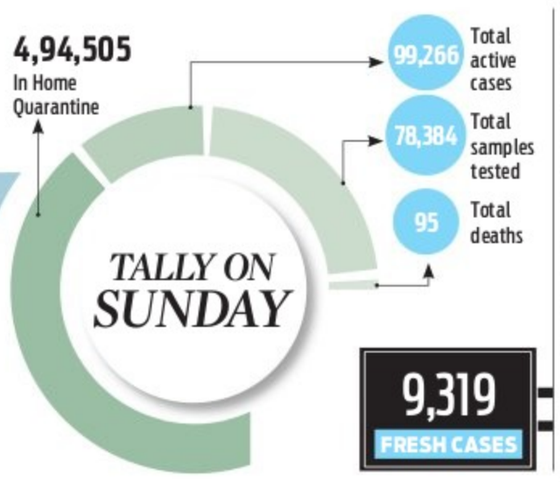
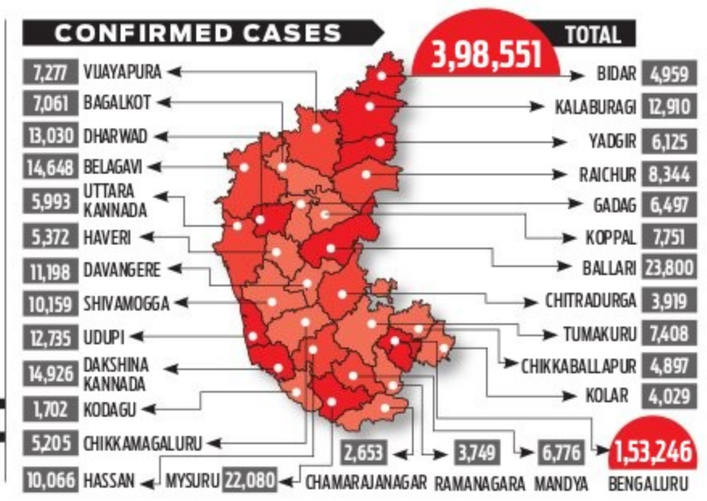




Approval sought for trials of new treatment

One of proposed plans by HCG involves giving Mesenchymal stem cells from bone marrow to patient

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

HCG Hospital plans to propose to the government two new clinical trials related to treatment methods for Covid-19 patients.

One of these is called Mesenchymal cell study for patients with Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS) where Mesenchymal stem cells from the bone marrow are given to the patient. The other is developing a non-invasive test called neutralising antibody assay which will help find out at what concentration of antibodies present in the donor's plasma does the coronavirus get killed.

Dr U S Vishal Rao, head and neck surgical oncologist and robotic surgeon, who is also the member of the Covid consultative group in Karnataka, said, "Mesenchymal cell study is meant for patients with ARDS, are critically ill, on ventilator and can't breathe. Mesenchymal stem cells from the bone marrow will be infused in the patient's body through injection over a period of a few hours."

A health worker collects nasal swab near Victoria Hospital in Bengaluru | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Clinical trials at HCG

- Convalescent plasma study
- Cytokine Cocktail study
- Mesenchymal cell study
- Plasma Bank for Karnataka
- Chest X-ray screening with Artificial Intelligence
- Neutralising Antibody assay
- Targeted repurposed drugs

These cells are being taken as they have anti-inflammatory properties. They reduce the cytokine storm and reduce inflammation in the lungs. The aim here is to prevent death. The team at the hospital is waiting for inspection and approval from the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI).

The neutralising antibody assay test will also require DCGI approval as well as approval from the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). If the antibodies in the plasma of the Covid-recovered donor are low, it will not work on the corona positive patient. This test helps determine the number of antibodies present in the donor's plasma needed to kill the coronavirus, so doctors can plan accordingly while injecting plasma.

"However, this test requires a live virus and Biosafety Level 3 facility which is not available in India. In other countries, they take diluted blood in a bottle where the virus is present to gauge at what concentration of plasma the virus does or does not get killed depending on the concentration of antibodies," Rao explained.

He added, "Therefore, we are making use of a new technique with the ELISA test. We do not use a live virus and instead take all antigens or components specific to the virus and test it separately. This way, we can find out how many antibodies are present so we can improve the efficacy of plasma donation."

The team is in the process of developing the concept note for this and expect to start the trials in the next 15 days.

People line up at a kiosk set up for Covid tests at KR Market in Bengaluru | SHRIRAM BN

First reinfection in B'luru? Experts want detailed study

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

WITH reports of the first case of Covid-19 reinfection in Bengaluru surfacing, experts doubt such a possibility. The 27-year-old woman tested positive a month after she had recovered and discharged from hospital. Experts say it is difficult to come to a conclusion in the absence of a virus culture test or her samples being tested at a Biosafety level 3 laboratory — both of which are pending. A detailed probe needs to be conducted in this case, they say.

The woman had no history of comorbidities and tested positive on July 6. She was admitted to Fortis Hospital, Bannerghatta Road. She had recovered well and was discharged on July 24. However, in a span of one month, she developed mild symptoms again and was found to have contracted the infection again.

Dr Giridhar Babu, Head of Lifecourse Epidemiology at the Public Health Foundation of India and member of the Karnataka experts committee of Covid task force, said, "This is an absolute rare occurrence of a rare infection. To establish that it has occurred, the diagnosis needs to be done through Biosafety level three (BSL-3) laboratory, which has not been done to confirm it. Meanwhile, in the absence of virus culture, it cannot be declared as a Covid-19 reinfection. Further, the Covid tests have a poor sensitivity and they can become positive or negative, which needs to be rechecked. A thorough study needs to be done in this case."

Dr Satyanarayana Mysore, HOD of Pulmonology at Manipal Hospital, said, "Once we are exposed to the virus, we develop TCell immunity, which provides long-standing immunity to prevent further Covid infections. This aspect has not been commented on in this case."

Dr Pratik Patil, Consultant, Infectious Diseases, Fortis Hospital, Bannerghatta Road, said, "Both Rapid Antigen Test and a RT-PCR test showed she was positive, which threw up possibilities of her being the first reported case of Covid-19 reinfection in the city. She was discharged on Sunday and a Covid test was not repeated before discharge, according to the new discharge policy."

However, to cross check if it is actually the first case of reinfection in the city, Dr Pratik stated he has contacted the National Institute of Virology in Pune to get a virus culture done. "We do not have the first sample to perform a virus culture when the woman was infected the first time as we weren't sure about the reinfection."

Dr Anoop Amarnath, Member of States Critical Care Support Team said the CCST has looked into 15,000 cases and they have not reported any case of reinfection and this case needs to be studied in detail.

State sees over 9K +ve cases, discharges

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

ON a day that the state registered 9,319 positive cases, there was also some good news as 9,575 people walked out of hospitals.

The state's positive tally now stands at 3,98,551 cases and the total recoveries at 2,92,873. The state's positivity rate is 12 per cent.

While over 2 lakh cases, or 2,27,998 patients, have a history of domestic travel, a significant chunk — 1,17,462 patients — have no known source of contact or travel history.

The five districts with the most number of positives are Bengaluru (2,824), Mysuru (686), Belagavi (427), Ballari (396) and Shivamogga (329).

Mysuru, Gadag, Ballari, Chikkamagluru and Shivamogga have had the highest positivity rate in the last 15 days.

With 95 deaths, the toll is now 6,393. Dharwad, Vijayapura, Chamarajanagar, Shivamogga and Dakshina Kannada have had the highest fatality rate in the last seven days.

Of the 3,98,551 (3.98 lakh) active cases, 775 patients are in ICUs.

ACE2 receptor 'welcomes' SARS virus into cells

NIRAD MUDUR @Bengaluru

A dreaded protein on the surface of human cells that accords a "red-carpet welcome" to SARS-CoV-2 virus to enter the cells and cause Covid-19, has been found to be more prevalent in cells across human organs, more so in the brain. This explains why severe respiratory problems occur among critical Covid patients and the reason for neurological and cognitive problems in many of them.

ACE2 receptors act as locks on human cells while the SARS-CoV-2 spike proteins act as keys to gain entry into human cells, multiply within, and destroy the cells.

A study conducted by researchers of Louisiana State University (LSU) Health New Orleans' Neuroscience Center of Excellence and School of Medicine found that the angiotensin-converting enzyme 2 (ACE2) receptor — the enzyme (protein) which welcomes SARS-CoV-2 virus into human cells — is more prevalent in parts of the brain. Its presence is stronger than known before, in pons and medulla oblongata, the centres that control respiratory mechanism and breathing.

Workers set up an ICU ward for Covid patients in Charaka Hospital in Bengaluru

WHAT IS ACE2?

- Protein found on surface of immune and non-immune cell types
- Enzyme is part of system that regulates blood pressure, fluid, electrolyte balance
- Helps regulate cardiovascular, neurovascular, renal function, fertility

"Besides strong ACE2 expression in respiratory, digestive, renal-excretory and reproductive cells, high ACE2 expression was found in the amygdala, cerebral cortex and brain stem," says Dr Walter J Lukiw, Professor of Neuroscience, Neurology and Ophthalmology at the Center.

In their paper titled 'SARS-CoV-2 Infectivity and Neurological Targets in the Brain', published in the journal Cellular and Molecular Neurobiology, researchers say they investigated expression of ACE2 in 85 human tissues by including 21 different anatomical regions of the human brain, using multiple tissue expression arrays.

"ACE2 expression was easily detected in multiple brain regions. The highest levels of expression in the brain were found in the pons and medulla oblongata, which may in part explain SARS-CoV-2's ability to cause shortness of breath, impaired breathing and severe respiratory distress," says the paper.

The researchers feel the prevalence of ACE2 may explain why Covid affects multiple organs in critically-ill patients.

Lukiw concludes, "The real danger of SARS-CoV-2 infection is not only its highly transmissible nature and lethality, but also its simultaneous and multi-pronged attack on many human cell and tissue types, involving vital and critical respiratory, immunological, vascular, renal-excretory and neural systems as well as an unprecedented coordinated disruption of the complex neurophysiology, neurochemistry, neurobiology, and neurology of the brain cells and central nervous system that normally regulate these multiple physiological systems."

BUSINESS AS USUAL

A security guard stands outside a clothing store in Bengaluru with all precautions in place on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

HIT BY THE VIRUS

I'm feeling better: DKS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

DAYS after being readmitted to hospital after complaining of weakness and mild temperature, KPCC President D K Shivakumar, who recently recovered from Covid-19, says he is fine.

"I am fine, feeling much better," Shivakumar told TNIE.

The Congress chief was admitted to hospital for about a week after he tested positive for Covid-19, and was discharged on August 31. However, he was rushed to Apollo Hospital on September 2 from his house in Sadashivanagar, after he complained of weakness and mild fever.

The 58-year-old politician is under observation as he suffers from hypertension and diabetes.

Meanwhile, his personal staff have been unsuccessful in keeping throngs of his supporters away from the hospital in South Bengaluru.

Ex-DCC prez dies of corona

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Vijayapura

DISTRICT Congress Committee (DCC) former president Ravigouda Patil (60) succumbed to Covid in Pune on Sunday. Ravigouda Patil had tested positive a week ago and had comorbidities. He was admitted to a private hospital in Vijayapura. Later, he was moved to Solapur and then to Pune for further treatment.

He breathed last at a private hospital in Pune as he failed to respond to the treatment.

He is the first politician in the district to have died of Covid. According to sources in the family, "Two weeks ago, Ravigouda's father had passed away due to prolonged illness."

Ravigouda hailed from Dhulked of Indi taluk. He served as Congress party's district head for two consecutive terms since 2013. After the Congress failed to register a win in the Lok Sabha polls, Ravigouda Patil had handed over the baton to the former MLA Raju Algaur.

Former minister and MLA M B Patil said, "Ravigouda Patil had worked hard to strengthen the party during his tenure as district president of Congress...I was confident that he will beat the virus But his death shocked me."

After B'luru, Mysuru 2nd dist to cross 500 deaths

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

MYSURU on Sunday became the second district in the state after Bengaluru to cross the 500 mark in Covid fatalities. With five patients losing their lives to the virus on the day, the toll in the district now stands at 503.

With a mortality rate of 2.27 per cent, which is above the state's average, the district has one of the highest Covid death rate. However, health officials attribute the high mortality rate to delayed admissions of infected people and referred patients from neighbouring districts succumbing at various Mysuru hospitals.

Districts like Ballari that has reported 23,800 cases, which is more than that of Mysuru, registered just 294 deaths so far. So, it seems like none of the measures taken up by health officials to arrest the death rate have been yielding results.

A health official also felt that comorbidities of infected patients was another reason for more deaths in the district. "Though we have made necessary arrangements, infected people get admitted at the last minute putting their lives at risk. Also, most of them have comorbidities and many do not respond to our treatment," he said.

686 fresh cases

The district continued to register triple-digit single-day spike in Coronavirus cases. On Sunday, there were 686 fresh cases, taking the tally to 22,080, of which 14,499 have been discharged, while 7,078 are under treatment. Meanwhile, Mandya reported 230 new cases, taking the active count to 2,223 and 71 deaths. Chamarajanagar reported 41 fresh cases, taking the active case count to 416 and 42 fatalities so far.

Labour minister tests Covid +ve

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

LABOUR Minister **Arabail Shivaram Hebbar** tested positive for Covid-19 on Sunday, making him the ninth minister infected by the virus. The minister took to his social media pages to say that he and his wife tested positive but were asymptomatic. Of the 28 ministers in the Karnataka Cabinet, nine ministers — 32% of them — have tested positive so far.

"Since there are no symptoms, we have decided to home quarantine ourselves on the advice of doctors and are being treated at home," he said in a post. Apart from Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, seven other ministers had tested positive for Covid — Anand Singh, CT Ravi, ST Somashekhar, BC Patil, B Sriramulu, Shashikala Jolle and K S Eshwarappa. Ahead of the Legislative Assembly Session scheduled to begin from September 21, all legislators and officials will be subjected to Covid-19 tests.

A high-end car with gold smugglers on board, which was speeding along the Kozhikode airport road on Sunday morning, knocked over two motorcycle-borne Directorate of Revenue Intelligence officials who intercepted the vehicle barely a kilometre from the airport

Central team to assess K'taka flood damage

Six bureaucrats will meet BSY, Ashoka before surveying disaster-hit districts

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

AN inter-ministerial Central team will visit the flood-hit areas in Karnataka starting Monday. A team of senior bureaucrats from six departments – Home, Finance, Agriculture, Jal Shakti, Roads and Highways and PWD – will survey the state to find out the total damage and loss due to floods and heavy rain in July and August.

The six-member team of bureaucrats from Delhi, headed by Joint Secretary K V Prathap, will visit Belagavi, Dharwad, Chikkamagaluru, Kodagu, Bagalkot and Gadag and survey the damage first-hand.

They will first meet Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, Revenue Minister R Ashoka, Chief Secretary Vijay Bhaskar and other officials, and thereafter head to the affected areas.

Speaking to TNIE, Minister Ashoka said, "Karnataka has assessed the total loss due to the floods to be about Rs 8,060 crore. This team will survey the loss and damage in two visits. They will survey the areas and assess the damage during this visit, and are expected to visit again after about a month."

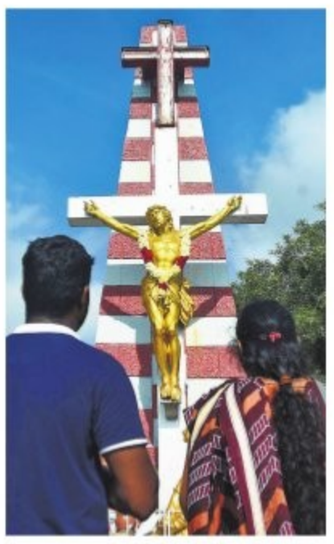
On Tuesday, they will split up into three teams. The first team headed by Prathap and Karnataka Disaster Management Commissioner Manoj Rajan will visit Kodagu and Chikkamagaluru by helicopter. The second team will take a flight to Belagavi and visit the affected areas of Belagavi and Dharwad. The third team will fly to Hubballi and visit the affected areas of Gadag and Bagalkot.

The team has come in response to Karnataka seeking disaster management funds from the Centre. Besides Prathap, who is joint secretary, Union Ministry of Home Affairs, the team comprises Bhartendu Kumar Singh, Director, Ministry of Finance, Dr Manoharan, Director of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Cooperation, Guru Prasad, Superintending Engineer, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Sadanand Babu, Superintending Engineer, Ministry of Road Transport and Highway and V P Rajvedi, Under Secretary, Ministry for Rural Development.

State Disaster Management Commissioner Manoj Rajan told TNIE, "The Central team will hold meetings on Monday and Tuesday. We will go to the affected areas and hold a debriefing on Wednesday afternoon."

The teams from Karnataka, who have already visited Kodagu, Chikkmagaluru, Belagavi, Dharwad, Gadag and Bagalkot and assessed the damage, are expected to share their findings with the visiting team.

The Central team's visit to Karnataka is part of their visit to other flood-hit states.



BACK TO THE OLD NORMAL

With Tamil Nadu relaxing weekend lockdown norms from Sunday, people throng Foreshore Estate beach; Devotees visit St Thomas Mount shrine in Chennai | EXPRESS

NCB cracks major heroin trafficking module

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

THE Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) on Sunday busted an international heroin trafficking module and seized about 12 kg of the banned substance from international courier consignments, worth around Rs 48 crore, in New Delhi. "Besides this, the NCB has also seized another 2 kg of heroin, while two other parcels of unknown quantity have been traced live and will be seized soon," said NCB Deputy Director K P S Malhotra.

The central anti-drug agency arrested seven people, including one African and one Burmese national, in the case. "The mastermind of the international drug syndicate is operating from overseas using fake documents and multi-layered logistics to maintain anonymity and to hoodwink the law enforcement agencies," said Malhotra.

On September 1, acting on a tip-off, the NCB seized a parcel at Aramex courier services in New Delhi, which contained 980 gm of heroin. "The consignor address of the parcel was South Africa-based. The operation was conducted through controlled delivery procedures under the orders of the Director General, NCB, Rakesh Asthana, to unearth the syndicate," he said.

The controlled delivery mechanism empowered the NCB to keep the parcel delivery alive, even after seizing the contraband and replacing the same with a dummy parcel.

On September 2, the NCB arrested one person, identified as Wahid. He reportedly disclosed that he was regularly getting the deliveries of the contraband drugs on behalf of one Mohsin. The NCB arrested Mohsin along with three of associates – Shahjahan, Hanif and Munnasir – from a hotel at Mahipalpur in Delhi. Their interrogation and digital forensics revealed the courier parcel containing 980 gm of heroin was to be handed over to an African national named Frank.

"The live operation, using the controlled delivery mechanism, was utilised to contact Frank. He had sent a woman of Burmese nationality to collect the parcel. She disclosed that she was tasked to hand over the parcels to those person whom Frank would authorise. The NCB subsequently arrested Emmanuel, who was the alleged receiver of the consignment," said the officer.

"The digital forensic analysis and footprint has revealed the drug syndicate has trafficked 10 such parcels containing approximately 1 kg heroin each during the lockdown. The trails of these deliveries are under investigation," said Malhotra, adding that the drug mafia is exploiting the courier route for smuggling high-quality contraband narcotic drugs into India during the pandemic.

Inter-connection of contraband supply

The international drug trafficking is related to the increasing demand of contraband drugs in metro cities. The ongoing investigation by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has exposed an inter-connection of demand and supply of contraband in Delhi, Mumbai, Goa and Bengaluru.

Train services between Vijayapura, B'luru resume

MAHESH M GOUDAR @Vijayapura

FIVE months after it was suspended due to the pandemic, the train service from Vijayapura to Bengaluru has resumed with the SWR operating an express train between the two cities.

After two months of the lockdown, the Indian Railways announced running of 200 special trains on May 21 and the services resumed after June 1. Among the SWR trains were the Gadag-Mumbai express, which commuted via Vijayapura and Solapur.

SWR has announced six pairs of special trains, including the Vijayapura-Mysuru Express via Hubballi and Bengaluru.

The Railways will run 40 special trains from Saturday. The Vijayapura-Mysuru train will be temporarily suspended on Wednesday. It will resume from Saturday and its route will be extended to Solapur.

E Vijaya, Chief Public Relation Officer, SWR said, "The Mysuru-Solapur train will operate with one coach each of AC 2-tier, AC 3-tier, ten second-class sleeper compartments, four general second-class coaches and two second-class with luggage coaches. There will be fully reserved compartments, and reservation will start from Thursday."

EXPRESS READ

AP temple chariot fire gutted in fire

Vijayawada: The chariot of famous Sri Lakshi Narasimha temple in Antarvedi of East Godavari district was gutted in a fire mishap in the intervening night of Saturday and Sunday. The chariot, built over 60 years back, was used for special occasions and rituals at the temple. . Probe is on to ascertain the reason for the fire breakout. **ENS**

Ponnyam bomb blast: Cops intensify search

Kannur: The SIT led by Thalasserry DySP Moosa Vallikkadan has launched an intensive search for the people involved in the bomb blast occurred at Ponnyam on Friday in which three CPM workers were injured as a steel bomb went off while the workers assembling it. The police said two more persons might be involved in the act. **ENS**

Ambulance driver rapes Covid patient in Kerala

HAREESH KUMAR A S @Aranmula

A 19-year-old COVID-19 patient was raped in an ambulance by its driver on Saturday night at Aranmula in Kerala's Pathanamthitta district. This incident comes to light on a day when Kerala registered its highest single-day spike in Covid-19 cases.

The accused Noufal (29) was arrested from the premises of Adoor general hospital at Panakkachirayil in Kayamkulam South, early on Sunday.

The accused had threatened the girl not to tell anyone about the incident, said an officer at Adoor police station, where the case is registered.

The incident took place when the ambulance was taking the patient from Kozhencherry on the way to Pandalam.

A 42-year-old housewife, a native of Vadakkadathukavu in Adoor and the 19-year-old girl had tested positive for COVID-19. They arrived at Adoor hospital on Saturday evening, but there were no vacant beds.

Therefore the young girl was directed to the COVID-19 First-Line Treatment Center at Pandalam while the elder woman was directed for shifting to Kozhenchery district hospital.

The driver had to reach Kozhencherry via Thumpaman instead of the Kulanada-Aranmula route. The second route is a shorter and easy way to reach Kozhenchery. The girl could have been dropped off at Pandalam first if the ambulance had gone through the MC road, police said. Instead, the driver dropped the 42-year-old woman first at the Kozhencherry district hospital around 1 am on Sunday. After that, he drove the ambulance via Aranmula.

Police said he parked the ambulance on the way toward the airport project in Aranmula. The girl was forcibly tortured after opening the back door of the ambulance. The driver removed his own PPE kit while committing the crime.

SRIHARIKOTA ROCKET STN HIT WITH 33 CASES

Chennai: In the highest single-day spike in Covid-19 cases so far, the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota reported 33 fresh infections on Sunday, sending the administration into a frenzy. This comes barely a week after the lockdown restrictions were relaxed and operations resumed with 50% staff at India's sole spaceport. Meanwhile, Tamil Nadu reported 5,783 fresh cases on the day, driving up the tally to 4,63,480, of which only 51,458 are active. **ENS**

102-YEAR-OLD BEATS VIRUS AT HOME

Anantapur: Surprising many, a 102-year-old grandmother who tested positive for Covid-19 has beaten the disease in home isolation. Her recovery has now instilled confidence among people in Anantapur district. The woman, Mummaneni Subbamma, from Pedda Kammavaripalle in Puttaparthi mandal, tested positive for coronavirus on August 21. She stayed at home, took her medicines on time, consumed ragi mudda, sweet lime juice, chicken and other non-vegetarian dishes, and is now active and independent as before. Subbamma's neighbours and relatives, having heard of her recovery, have started visiting her at home to congratulate her. She has five sons and three daughters, and lives with one of her sons. In August, four other people in their house tested positive for coronavirus. While the woman's 62-year-old son, who is a diabetic, was hospitalised for treatment, her daughter-in-law, grandson and his wife recovered in home isolation. **ENS**

Sub-standard seeds give less yield

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IN his maiden press conference after taking charge as minister, BC Patil had announced a crackdown on the fake seed mafia.

A senior official of the Agriculture Department said that after Patil took over as Agriculture Minister, he had directed them to take the help of the police department.

"If we had taken up the case by ourselves, it would have ended with the seizure of seeds. Now that the police are involved, they had sent the seed samples to the Agriculture University laboratories in Bengaluru as well as Dharwad for tests," the official said.

Sub-standard seeds lead to less yield and the produce will contain the chemicals which are a health risk, he explained.

Seer took over reins of mutt at age of 19

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BHARATI had contended the land reforms law by the government was an attempt to impose restrictions on the management of the mutt's property, which was the only source of income for his ashram. While the landmark judgment did not offer individual relief to the seer, the top court by a 7:6 majority judgment ruled that the basic structure of the Constitution was inviolable and could not be amended by Parliament.

SPLIT VERDICT

The SC by a majority judgment ruled that the basic structure of the Constitution cannot be amended by Parliament. The majority opinion was delivered by Chief Justice S M Sikri and Justices K S Hegde, A K Mukherjea, J M Shelat, A N Grover, P Jaganmohan Reddy, and H R Khanna. Justices A N Ray, D G Palekar, K K Mathew, M H Beg, S N Dwivedi, and Y V Chandrachud dissented.

The basic structure doctrine has formed the basis of the Indian judiciary's power to strike down amendments to the Constitution by Parliament, which are in conflict with or seek to alter this principle.

Noted legal luminary, Nani Palkhivala, who appeared for Bharati in the SC never spoke to the petitioner as per the "Courtroom Genius", a biography of Palkhivala.

The three Constitutional amendments, challenged in the Bharati case, were passed by the Indira Gandhi government to overcome the SC's 1967 judgment in the Golak Nath case that ruled Parliament could not amend fundamental rights, including the Right to Property. He took over the reins of the mutt at the age of 19 in 1968. By then, he was a trained Carnatic classical singer, Yakshagana vocalist and an educationalist, said BJP's Kasaragod district president K Shreekanth. "The mutt lost more than 300 acres because of the Land Reforms Act. Yet, he recently gave 28 cents to the government to build a school at Edneer," he said.

CLASSIFIEDS

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SADHGURU YAQEENI PEER**, aged about 34 years, S/o Syed Inayathulla, resident of No. 53, 19th Cross, 21st Main (Behind Maruthi Mandir) M.S. Building, Vijayanagar, Bangalore - 560 040, have changed my name from **SYED FAZLULLA** to **SADHGURU YAQEENI PEER.** Vide affidavit dated 05-09-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary K.C. Shashikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Zulfikarali Juma Hasham Bawa,** aged about 70 years, S/o Juma Hasham Bawa, R/at Flat 23, Ismailia Economic Development Society Limited, Wangapala Road, Nairobi, Kenya. I state that, Origin card and bank accounts my name is reflected as 'Zulfikarali Juma Hasham Bawa' and previously used the name 'Zulfikarali J Hasham'. Hereby declare that, **'Zulfikarali J Hassan', 'Zulfikarali J Hasham',** and **'Zulfikarali Juma Hasham Bawa'** names are one and the same and belongs to me only vide Affidavit dated 20.03.2020, Sworn before Advocate Commissioner For Oaths & Notary Public MES OKAO Nairobi-61622-00200.

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It is notified for information of all concerned that my Original Qualifying Certificate Grade 12 Examination of the year 2015-2016 **Roll No. 1516016013** issued by NWAC, USA Regional office has actually been lost. Name of Candidate: **Syed Osman Ahmed**, No. 2, Flat No. 103, Kazi Street, Basavanagudi, Bangalore - 560004.

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पावरग्रिड POWERGRID

NOTICE

1. Approval under regulation-86 of CERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations'1999 and CERC (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations'2019 for determination of Transmission Tariff from anticipated DOCO to 31-03-2024 for
Petition-1: for a) 400kV Pugalur (HVDC Station) - Pugalur (Existing) (Quad) D/C Transmission line along with associated bays at Pugalur (HVDC Station) & Pugalur (Existing) Substation and b) 400kV Pugalur (HVDC Station) – Arasur (Quad) D/C Transmission line along with associated bays at Pugalur (HVDC Station) & Arasur station
2. The beneficiaries of the above mentioned Transmission system are: (a) KPTCL (b) APTRANSCO (c) KSEB (d) Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Ltd. (e) Electricity Dept. of Goa (f) Electricity Dept. of Puducherry (g) APSPDCL (h) TSSPDCL (i) APCPDCL (j) TSNPDCL (k) BESCOM (l) GESCOM (m) HESCOM (n) MESCOM (o) CESC (p) Transmission Corporation of Telangana Limited (q)TNEB (r) APEPDCL (s) APNPDCL
3. Tariff details:

Name of the Asset	Petition-1
	Asset as mentioned above
Approved Capital cost (₹ Lakhs) (FR)	₹ 40331.20 lakhs
Authority which has approved Capital Cost	Board of Directors of POWERGRID
Schedule DOCO (FR)	16.02.2020
DOCO (Anticipated)	31.08.2020
Estimated Completion Cost (₹ Lakhs)	₹ 57775.16 lakhs
Tariff for year 2019-24 (₹ in Lacs)	
2019-20	0.00
2020-21	4156.78
2021-22	7660.18
2022-23	7879.87
2023-24	7829.52

4. A copy of the application made for determination of tariff is posted on the website of the applicant at www.powergridindia.com.
5. The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the application be filed by any person, including the beneficiary before the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 3rd & 4th floor, Chandralok Building, Janpath, New Delhi - 110 001 (or other address where the office of the Commission is situated), with a copy to the applicant at the address of its corporate office within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Place: Gurgaon Sd/-
Date : 31.08.2020 CGM (Commercial)

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DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREIN AFTER CALLED THE 'ACT')

At your request, the Bank, has extended credit facility to the below mentioned borrower against secured assets through its **State Bank of India, Kudur Branch** as under. The relevant particulars of the property on which you have created security interest by execution of security agreement / documents & creation of mortgage by way of deposit of the title deeds are also furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/credit facilities have become irregular the debt has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guideliness issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice dated as mentioned below sent by register AD calling upon you, was unserved/ not acknowledged, this notice is now issued.

A/C No: CCR/ 64197076013/DRS
1. Name & Address of the Borrowers: Sri K A Rangaswamy,
Prop: M/s. Maruthi Textiles, 3rd Block, By-Pass Road, Lakshmidevinagar, Kudur, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara Dist.
Guarantor: Sri K R Shamsundar S/o K A Rangaswamy, 3rd Block, By-Pass Road, Lakshmidevinagar, Kudur.
Liability: Rs. 6,07,348/- (Rupees Six Lakh Seven Thousand Three Hundred Forty Eight Only) as on 12.08.2020.
NPA Date: 28.08.2018 **Demand Notice Date: 13.08.2020**
Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Old Khata No. 329/19/4/4, New Khata No.15290030180361308, measuring 13.1064 Mtr x 11.2776 Mtr, Situated at Kudur Village, Magadi Taluk Standing in the name of Sri Rangaswamy, and bounded on:
East by: Own Land of Applicant, **West by:** Property of Padma, **North by:** Govt. Road, **South by:** Own Land of Applicant

A/C No: CCR/ 64177414287/DRS
2. Name & Address of the Borrowers: 1) Sri K Vasantha S/o Kalaiah, **Prop: Sri Swarnamba Earth Movers,**
2) Sri Kalaiah S/o Late Honnashamaiah, Both Residing @: Biskur village & Post, Kudur Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara Dist.
Guarantor: Sri K N Shivananda S/o Nagaraju, Marur Road, Kudur.
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EDITORIAL

Our freedom to doubt was born out of a struggle against authority in the early days of science. It was a very deep struggle: permit us to question, to doubt, to not be sure. I think that it is important that we do not forget this struggle

Richard Feynman

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— Ramnath Goenka

WILL POPULISM BE THE CENTRAL THEME OF ANOTHER TN ELECTION?

Tamil Nadu woke up to a heated, intense Twitter debate on Sunday. "*Hindi theriyaadhu, poda*!", which roughly translates to "Get lost, we don't know Hindi", was trending on the social media platform. It had overtaken all the other primetime news playing out on television channels. With elections drawing closer, the ever-simmering pot of Hindi imposition is being rekindled, for the political returns can be bountiful depending on the way it's churned. It is, hence, not surprising that Hindi 'imposition' remains the rallying cry of the DMK. The party has the unique advantage of being the champion of the cause. Its job has been made easy by the larger political environment in the country that has supplied ample fodder.

The release of the National Education Policy that contains a three-language learning formula came at a favourable time for the DMK, which turned it into a campaign issue. Even before the matter could abate, senior DMK leader M Kanimozhi was allegedly asked "Are you an Indian?" by a CISF personnel at an airport for saying that she does not know Hindi. The icing on the cake came in the form of an advertisement banner put up by a public sector bank, quoting eminent personalities, including Mahatma Gandhi, calling for Hindi to be made the common language. If the DMK is successful in its campaign, poll pundits feel this chain of events is likely to impact the BJP's political prospects in the state.

In fact, reasons to believe the current campaign was an orchestrated effort, instead of being an organic one, are many—the involvement of celebrities, pre-designed clothes and accessories, and the fact that it hit a crescendo on a Sunday morning. While a large group believes the issue is not just relevant politically but also socially, there is concern that it could drown out other major issues that need focus—including the state of the economy and public healthcare systems that are in the doldrums due to the pandemic. If this trend continues, populism will be the central theme of yet another election in Tamil Nadu.

MESSI AND A DAMNING INDICTMENT OF BARCA

Some two weeks after Lionel Messi told Barcelona that he was intent on leaving, one of the greatest footballers of all time performed a U-turn. The Argentine, on Friday, said he was staying back. But the Catalans shouldn't see this as a victory, even if they have managed to keep hold of the 33-year-old till the end of his contract. Messi's words are a damning indictment of the way the club is run. He said: "I always said I wanted to end here and I always said I wanted to stay here. That I wanted a winning project and to win titles with the club, to continue expanding the legend of Barcelona. And the truth is that there has been no project or anything for a long time, they juggle and cover holes as things go by. As I said before, I always thought about the welfare of my family and the club." He has basically accused Barcelona, one of the great modern superclubs, of lacking a project and said he is staying there only because he doesn't want to tarnish his legacy by taking them to court. By deciding against his original stance of wanting to walk out immediately, he has essentially bullet-proofed his farewell with the fans, even if the club went trophyless for the first time in more than a decade.

Barcelona's ills have been well documented—the periodic humiliations in the Champions League, off-field drama at the board level and incompetent dealings in the transfer market all contributed to Messi wanting out. With a new coach in Ronald Koeman and a belated desire to move ageing superstars (Gerard Pique and Luis Suarez among others) to rejuvenate the squad, now is the chance to give Messi, who has gone without a Champions League title since 2015, a parting gift in his final year at the club. No player is entitled to trophies but having forced Messi to stay against his will, the least the club can do is to start righting the wrongs of the last four-five years. For Messi himself, whose last game for the club was a 2-8 loss to Bayern Munich in the Champions League, 2020-21 will give him a last chance at the perfect redemption storyline that befits a player of his calibre.

We need to understand the importance of technological know-how and invest resources in acquiring it, even if today that seems like import substitution and hence 'wasteful'

ATMANIRBHAR: ENGAGING THE WORLD ON EQUAL TERMS

SRIDHAR VEMBU

CEO, Zoho Corp

AMIT BANDRE

The economist Arvind Panagariya recently wrote an article titled "Giving up on the world?", a critique of the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative for committing the cardinal sin of "import substitution". Prof. Panagariya is a student of Dr Jagdish Bhagwati, who was called the God of Free Trade and is a major champion of the World Trade Organization (WTO). Alan Greenspan was the God of Money, as the Chairman of the US Fed.

The Gods that failed:

Greenspan's reputation died in the Global Financial Crisis of 2008-09, when he admitted in his mea culpa before the US Congress: "This crisis, however, has turned out to be much broader than anything I could have imagined. ... Those of us who looked to the self-interest of lending institutions to protect shareholder's equity—myself especially—are in a state of shocked disbelief. ... The whole intellectual edifice, however, collapsed." He added in front of the US Congress: "I still do not fully understand why it happened." Even now no one understands why what happened in 2008 happened and whether it would not occur again.

With the God of Money discredited in 2008, let us come to the God of Free Trade, Prof. Bhagwati.

The USTR has written a long article in *Foreign Affairs* magazine where he says that the national interest of the US and domestic jobs will prevail over the WTO. China has been declared a non-market economy by the US and EU trade representatives. Western democracies are finally waking up to China, a Marxist state with an export-obsessed economy, skilfully exploiting the WTO. So much for free trade.

In my view, the future paradigm is a return to a more traditional world trade in place of the failed free trade combined with free money paradigm, with its super-globalised supply chains. That is precisely why Prime Minister Narendra Modi has shifted the economic paradigm to Atmanirbhar—self-reliance. I view self-reliance not merely as a useful consequence of economic policy, but as a fundamental goal; 2008 and 2020 give us ample reasons.

I will focus on three main points below in response to Prof. Panagariya: the vast surplus labour situation in India, the global trade outlook and the need for strategic technological know-how.

1. Surplus labour in India

Prof. Panagariya writes: "Once we recognise that the notion that we can add to GDP by simply replacing imports by domestic output is a fallacy ..."

In my village, many farmers have purchased rice planters, made in Japan; the nail clipper I bought recently at the local store was made in South Korea and the hair trimmer made in China. Five unemployed engineering graduates approached me for jobs. Can you see the organic connection?

If I am unemployed, I would prefer to cook my own meal than to eat out at an expensive restaurant—I am doing "import substitution" here. Yes, that can lower GDP—the restaurant does not get to book my purchase—but I also don't go into debt to pay for that meal. When economists argue "import substitution cannot add to GDP", they ignore the debt involved in consuming without producing.

Most rural districts in India run a substantial "trade deficit" with the rest of the world. They buy various value-added goods, and try to pay for these "imports" (both foreign and domestic) with agricultural commodities. They pay for their purchases with: a) migration of rural labour to urban areas to earn a wage income; b) farmers going into debt; c) farmers selling their land; d) government transfers of resources to rural areas. These are not sustainable solutions to the underlying trade deficit rural areas face.

The reality is there is a vast pool of surplus labour in India. The US, the largest economy in the world, has a labour surplus too.

We can now recognise why Prof. Panagariya's argument does not apply: When our own labour is idle, we must focus on using our labour to produce the very goods that we consume (i.e import substitution). Only that can create GDP without creating debt, particularly external debt, which I deal with in section 2.

To produce our own consumer goods, we need to import capital goods at first; today we import a lot of consumer goods. I will come to capital goods and know-how in section 3.

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2. US trade deficits and debt-based global monetary system:

The external debt leads to my second argument, the state of the global trading system. This is where my preface is important. The present globalisation regime (also known as the Washington Consensus) faces serious challenges due to the role of the US dollar, and the unwillingness and inability of the US to run even higher trade deficits to "fund" this system.

Here is how the process has worked: The US has to import more than it exports, in order to provide the rest of the world the dollars it needs to trade with each other. So when, say, India and Nigeria trade with each other, that trade is settled in US dollars, and those US dollars originally arose due to the US importing more than it exported.

Those deficits have another effect on the global monetary system: They become dollar reserves in the banking system around the world and those reserves get multiplied into dollar loans by global money center banks and shadow banks, particularly banks not under the regulation of the US Fed itself.

These dollar liabilities, which both emerging nations and companies outside the US have, have led to the situation where ever larger quantities of dollars are required to save the global financial system from the persistent "dollar shortage"—a direct consequence of the monetary multiplier.

This system is fundamentally fragile. My last section focuses on resilience.

3. Importance of technological know-how and resilience:

I mentioned capital goods (machine tools and the critical production know-how) in section 1 and right now, India imports most of them. Longer term, India importing goods that need sophisticated know-how (including most capital goods) while exporting commodities and simpler finished goods will keep us permanently in a low-to-medium income trap, Mexico being a classic example.

The know-how required to build an MRI machine or a semiconductor fab is not easily acquired and requires decades of painstaking work. We need to invest resources in producing that know-how, and that investment today will seem like import substitution, so wasteful—after all, MRI machines can be readily imported, therefore why not just import them?

In this case, there is serious "path-dependence" in GDP—the lack of investment in serious know-how today will impede our economy greatly 10-15 years from now. Even if the R&D investment in acquiring the knowledge already acquired elsewhere is not "optimal for GDP" today, our future prosperity depends on it.

Self-reliance builds resilience in the economic system and helps achieve fairness in employment and social policy. We need global trade, built on a strong foundation of self-reliance.

(Tweets @svembu)

A LOAN WAIVER IN WHOSE INTEREST?

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There is an ongoing debate about a possible waiver on interest payments for the six months of the moratorium period granted by the RBI. While a waiver might provide short-term, immediate relief to the borrowers, if history teaches us anything, waivers come with far-reaching long-term concerns.

First, who should be entitled to receive the waiver? In the ongoing case at the Supreme Court, the RBI is reported to have stated that a moratorium has been offered roughly to 65% of the outstanding loans. Borrowers in case of the other 35% loans are assumed not to be facing any liquidity issue thus far. This forms the argument for waiving off interests only for those who are under moratorium. A selective waiver, biased against those who repaid on time, could set a wrong precedent and weaken the credit quality and credit culture in the country. For instance, the debt waiver of 2008 specifically targeted borrowers who had defaulted and induced moral hazard among non-defaulting borrowers. Careful research has shown that those borrowers who were otherwise unlikely to default also started defaulting on future payments, especially close to elections, in the expectation of receiving more such waivers.

The only sensible way to waive off interest, therefore, is to waive it off for all the borrowers. While this could still induce moral hazard, it brings us to another, bigger concern. A waiver is no free lunch. Based on the data on Scheduled Commercial Banks released by the RBI last year, the total interest income for the banks in the six months of moratorium should amount somewhere close to ₹4 lakh crore. This translates to over 2% of our GDP. Who would bear this massive cost of the waiver? Unsurprisingly, most of the lending comes from public sector banks and therefore, the government will have to fund at least a majority amount.

How can the government finance this? It has three options. First, it could raise taxes. However, given the ongoing crisis, it seems unlikely that the government would overburden the taxpayers. The second option is to cut on welfare spending or defence expenditure. This again seems unreasonable amidst escalating border issues and the call for the government to boost spending in order to assist those adversely impacted by the crisis. The third and the last resort for the government is to run large deficits and borrow money. This seems the only probable option at hand but has its own costs.

> A sudden waiver would alleviate existing concerns of current borrowers but it will come at the cost of future hardships for new borrowers and senior citizens—due to inflation shooting up in the long run

Fiscal deficit shall subsequently lead to inflation shooting up in the long run. The massive shortfall in government's revenues—a ₹2.35 lakh crore shortfall in GST collection announced recently—has already exacerbated the fiscal space. The current inflation rate is just under 7%, and any increase could be disastrous for depositors as real interest rates would likely turn negative—as had been the case in the aftermath of the 2008 crisis. A negative interest rate would mean that the money deposited in bank accounts and fixed deposits would lose value because the inflation rate will be higher than the interest paid on them. In other words, the return generated would be lower than the rise in the cost of living. That would disincentivise saving and inflate the cost of borrowing in the future. While risk-takers could switch to investing in the financial market or real estate, it would be particularly devastating for pensioners, who mostly rely on deposits. Their purchasing power would decline and they would be at the risk of outliving their savings as their expenses stand higher than their income.

While we do not oppose the introduction of a relief measure for borrowers, we hope that policymakers would take into account the long-term cost of a large-scale waiver. The current plight of the borrowers is genuine and must be addressed to prevent viable entities from collapsing. Considering the recent signs of economic recovery, extending the moratorium and gauging the revival after a while might be a reasonable response at the moment. If conditions improve, it will be beneficial for all stakeholders. If they don't, the costs and benefits of providing immediate debt relief must be evaluated once again. A sudden waiver would alleviate existing concerns of current borrowers but it will come at the cost of future hardships for new borrowers and senior citizens.

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Why hold bypolls now?

The decision of the Election Commission to conduct bypolls in Kuttanad and Chavara in Kerala does not seem to be a well-thought-out one. As the term of the current Assembly ends in May 2021 and the election notification is due in March, the EC may reconsider its decision.

NA Joseph, Ettumanoor

EC move puzzling

The common man is bemused by the EC's decision. Squandering the money of taxpayers that otherwise could have been utilised for the welfare of the downtrodden, especially in the current scenario, is deplorable. Will people not connected to parties dare exercise their franchise amidst the pandemic?

P K Sreevalsan, Kannur

Waste of money

The EC has announced bypolls for two constituencies in Tamil Nadu. With Assembly polls scheduled in May, any election held now will be a mere waste of public money.

P Venkatasubramanian, Chennai

Lockdown gone wrong

A total lockdown was introduced in March-end, when the total Covid cases were fewer than 1,000 in India. This did not deter the virus. After a cat-and-mouse game for weeks, we are now about to open the country totally, except schools. Ironically, we are doing this when the daily cases nationally are up to 80,000 a day, with the peak not in sight. Something is amiss with these decisions.

M Balakrishnan, Bengaluru

Competitive parochialism

After Madhya Pradesh's move, Rajasthan is planning to reserve all government jobs for locals. These are against the letter and spirit of the Constitution. Such competitive parochialism can lead to Balkanisation of the country.

V S Raman, Thanjavur

Vocational edu will help

This is with reference to *Vocational education for Atmanirbhar Bharat* (Sep 5). It's a policy that is much required. Vocational education and internships will help many students find their passion during their school days itself and reduce the dilemma over what course to pursue in their higher studies.

R Abinash, email

Substance takes back seat

This is with reference to *Medium sells puffery & ignorance for profit* (Sep 6). News reporting is often coloured by prejudiced opinions these days. Television media has become revenue oriented and substance has taken the back seat. Changes that have taken place in the last 15 years have pushed real news to the background.

M B Balasubramanyam, Bengaluru

Hostile from the start

It is a fact that many sections of the media, especially in Delhi, have been hostile to the current PM even before day one due to a variety of reasons. (*All the lying they have done*, Sep 6). But no one can say that he is not articulate.

Natesan Vasudevan, email

Profiteering amid pandemic

Unscrupulous managements of private hospitals are trying to profiteer during the pandemic. This will lead to a hike in premiums and health insurance may become unaffordable to common people.

Vinod Narayanan, T'puram

Kerala healthcare model

The statutory body of insurance companies has been forced to seek the Supreme Court's intervention against profiteering by private hospitals. This is a lesson our policymakers ought to keep in mind while privatising healthcare. The Kerala healthcare system is a model to follow as hospitals run by the state there have played a pivotal role in the fight against Covid-19.

Bijumon P N, Idukki

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Sanjay Raut @rautsanjay61
Does Kangana have the courage to call Ahmedabad a mini Pakistan?

P Chidambaram @PChidambaram_IN
Borrow more to stimulate demand/consumption and revive the economy

Sukhbir Singh Badal @officeofssbadal
Punjab has become laggard state under leadership of Amarinder Singh

Rajnath talks security with Iran counterpart

Singh's visit to Iran assumes significance as it came a day after he voiced concern about Persian Gulf situation

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

DEFENCE Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday said he had a 'very fruitful' meeting with his Iranian counterpart Brigadier General Amir Hatami and discussed ways to bolster bilateral cooperation and exchanged views on regional security issues, including the situation in Afghanistan.

Singh reached Tehran from Moscow on a transit halt after concluding his three-day visit to Russia where he attended a meeting of the SCO defence ministers. He also held bilateral talks with his counterparts from Russia, China and the Central Asian countries.

"Both the Defence Ministers discussed ways to take forward bilateral cooperation and exchanged views on regional security issues, including peace and stability in Afghanistan,"

Defence minister Rajnath Singh during his visit to Tehran to discuss bilateral ties between two countries | PTI

Singh's office said in a tweet.

The meeting between the two ministers took place in a "cordial and warm atmosphere," it said, adding that the leaders emphasised upon the age-old cultural, linguistic and civilisational ties between India and Iran.

Singh's visit to Iran is considered to be significant as it came a day after he voiced India's deep concern about the situation in the Persian Gulf and called upon the countries in the region to resolve their differences through dialogue based on mutual respect.

A series of incidents in the Persian Gulf involving Iran, the US and the UAE in recent weeks have flared up tension in the region.

"We are deeply concerned about the situation in the Persian Gulf,' Singh said in his address at a meeting of the SCO in Moscow on Friday.

"We call upon countries in the region — all of which are dear and friendly to India, to resolve differences by dialogue based on mutual respect, sovereignty and non-interference in internal affairs of each other," he said.

Md. Muddassir Quamar, an Associate Fellow at India's premier Think Tank Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi, said, "It is a wrong impression that China is taking over the strategic Chabahar Port. It is India and Iran which are involved into the processes of development and operations."

Union Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi at Hazrat Nizamuddin Dargah | PARVEEN NEGI

Minister lauds display of caution at religious places

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

INDIANS have set an example for the entire world during the pandemic by displaying immense self-discipline and caution at places of worship in India during the coronavirus pandemic, Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi said after paying obeisance at Hazrat Nizamuddin Dargah.

Praising people of the country for exercising caution, Naqvi said followers of almost all religions of the world reside in India and various festivals and other auspicious occasions were observed during the coronavirus crisis.

"The people of the country displayed restraint, caution, sensibility, and celebrated all the festivals taking all precautions and followed the guidelines of social distancing to help to curb the coronavirus infection," Naqvi said.

The dargah in south Delhi opened on Sunday after over five months, but there will be no *Qawwali* evenings at the shrine as of now.

> **We have to move forward with a commitment to restraint, precaution, sensibility to ensure 'Jaan Bhi, Jahan Bhi'**
>
> Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minority Affairs Minister

Naqvi said the great Sufi saint Hazrat Nizamuddin's teaching and message of peace, humanity, harmony, unity, and brotherhood break the barriers of religion, region and country.

"We should carry forward his message of welfare of mankind with all honesty and sincerity. Teaching and principles of Sufi saints have played an important role in fulfilling the dream of *'Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat'*," he said.

Naqvi said the steps taken by PM Narendra Modi in the healthcare sector have ensured that despite the huge population, India has been successful in containing the effects of the pandemic to a great extent which is evident from the higher recovery rate of coronavirus patients in the country.

"We need to take precautions and not panic in this situation. We have to move forward with a commitment to restraint, precaution, sensibility to ensure 'Jaan Bhi, Jahan Bhi'," Naqvi said.

INAUGURATION

NEP: President, PM to address Governors' Conference

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PRESIDENT Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the inaugural session of the Governors' Conference on the National Education Policy on Monday through video conference, the Prime Minister's Office said.

The conference titled 'Role of NEP-2020 in Transforming Higher Education' is being organised by the Ministry of Education.'

The Governors' Conference is also being attended by education ministers of all states, vice-chancellors of state universities and other senior officials.

The statement noted that the NEP-2020 is the first education policy of the twenty-first century which was announced after 34 years of the previous National Policy on Education in 1986.

The NEP-2020 is directed towards major reforms in both school and higher education level. "The new National Education Policy strives for making India into an equitable and vibrant knowledge society. It envisions an India-centred education system that contributes directly to transforming India into a global superpower," it said.

It added that the comprehensive transformation the NEP aims will bring about a paradigm shift in the country's education system and create an enabling and reinvigorated educational ecosystem for a new '*Atmanirbhar Bharat*' as envisaged by the prime minister.'

Various webinars, virtual conferences, and conclaves on a number of aspects of the National Education Policy 2020 are being organised across the country.

With PTI inputs

'GST 2nd major attack on economy'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

CONGRESS leader Rahul Gandhi on Sunday said the NDA's Goods and Services Tax (GST) is not a tax system but an 'attack' on India's poor and on its small and medium businesses, and urged all to stand against it.

Dubbing the GST as 'Gabbar Singh Tax', he said it is the second major attack on India's unorganised economy, and is an 'absolute failure'.

He had earlier said demonetisation was the first attack on the informal sector in the economy.

As part of his video series on the economy, the former Congress president alleged that the NDA government has kept four different tax slabs to help those big industrialists with means and contacts to change the taxes under the GST regime.

"This GST is an absolute failure. Not only is it unsuccessful, it is an attack on the poor and on the small and medium businesses," he said in the video series shared on his social media platforms.

"GST is not a tax system, it is an attack on India's poor. It is an attack on small shopkeepers, small and medium businesses, farmers and labourers."

"We have to recognise this attack and stand against it together," he said.

Gandhi shared the under 3-minute video on Twitter and said, "Another major reason for the historic decline in GDP is the Gabbar Singh Tax (GST) of the Modi government. It has destroyed a lot - lakhs of small businesses, crores of jobs and the future of youth and the financial health of states. GST means economic devastation."

This is the third of the four-part series by him on the economy.

Gandhi and the Congress have stepped up their attack on the Modi government over the state of the economy after India's economic growth suffered its worst fall on record in the April-June quarter, with the gross domestic product (GDP) contracting 23.9 percent.

BJP can't blame God for its own failure: Shiv Sena

'Careless attitude'

The Shiv Sena leader said that in first quarter of current FY, the GDP has come down by 23.9% due to human error, careless attitude. "Pandemic and crumbled economy is god's will. Then what is the need for government and military. God will see to everything," he said.

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

SHIV Sena MP Sanjay Raut alleged that Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman was blaming gods for failure of India's economy.

In his weekly column *Rokhthok* in the Sena mouthpiece *Saamana*, Raut also said Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaks on all issues, but refuses to touch the issue of 'failing economy' and related issues.

Sitharaman last month said the economy has been hit by the pandemic, which is an 'Act of God', and it will see a contraction in the current fiscal.

"If gods are pronounced culprits, in which court should the trial be conducted?" Raut wrote, responding to Sitharaman's remarks. "From demonetisation to lockdown, the economy is completely paralysed. But the Union finance minister directly blamed gods for it. This is an insult of Hindutva. What kind of Hindutva is this?" he asked.

Raut said the minister's comments did not suit India which calls itself an emerging economic superpower. He said the country's economy was crumbling even before the pandemic.

EXPRESS READ

Himachal to give security to Kangana in state: CM

The Himachal Pradesh government has decided to provide security to Bollywood actor Kangana Ranaut in the state and is also considering to extend it during her upcoming visit to Mumbai, Chief Minister Jairam Thakur said here on Sunday. The chief minister disclosed it while talking to reporters after a BJP legislature party meet here. This is our duty to provide her security as she is a daughter of Himachal Pradesh and a celebrity, he added.

MILITARY MIGHT

Indian and Russian navies during a two-day mega military exercise in the Bay of Bengal | PTI

With 90,000 Covid cases in a day, India overtakes Brazil, becomes 2nd worst-hit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

LEAVING Brazil behind, India in a worrying sign, crossed over 4.13 million coronavirus cases on Sunday with 90,632 new cases in a day. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), Brazil has 40.41 lakh infected people.

According to the Union Health ministry, 31,80,865 people have recuperated so far improving the recovery rate to 77.32 per cent.

"The spike in the daily recovered patients continues in the country. A total of 73,642 patients have recovered and been discharged from either home or facility isolation or hospitals in a day," according to health ministry data.

"For the second successive day, India has clocked a record recovery of more than 70,000 patients in a single day," the ministry said.

The total cases rose to 41,13,811, while the toll climbed to 70,626 with 1,065 deaths in a span of 24 hours in the country, as per official data updated at Sunday 8 am. In some relief, the case fatality rate slipped further to 1.72 per cent. According to the ICMR, a cumulative total of 4,88,31,145 samples have been tested up to September 5 with 10,92,654 samples being tested on Saturday.

Of the 1,065 fresh deaths, 312 people died in Maharashtra, 128 deaths were reported from Karnataka, 81 from Uttar Pradesh, 71 from Andhra Pradesh, 69 from Punjab, 61 from Tamil Nadu, 58 from West Bengal, 34 from Bihar, 30 from Madhya Pradesh, 25 from Delhi, 22 from Haryana, 19 from Chhattisgarh, 18 each from Puducherry and Uttarakhand, 15 each from Gujarat, Jammu and Kashmir and Jharkhand.

Fourteen fatalities have been reported from Rajasthan,11 from Kerala, nine each from Goa and Telangana, eight from Tripura, seven each from Assam and Odisha, four from Himachal Pradesh while' Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Manipur and Meghalaya have registered one fatality each.

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Hasina, B'desh parliament pay tributes to Pranab

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister **Sheikh Hasina** on Sunday paid rich tributes to former president Pranab Mukherjee and said he was a true friend of Bangladesh, as the country's Parliament adopted a condolence motion over his death.

"He was a true friend of Bangladesh since our 1971 Liberation War," Hasina told the maiden session of Parliament called for the second time since the outbreak of pandemic.

Mukherjee died on Monday in New Delhi.

The Bangladesh government on Tuesday announced that it will observe a one-day state mourning at the death of the country's 'real friend'.

Hasina recalled Mukherjee's personal support for her and her family particularly during her life in exile in India after the August 15, 1975 coup in Bangladesh. The putsch killed her father and Bangladesh's founder Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman along with most of his family members and toppled his post-independence government.

With PTI inputs

ECO DAMAGE

Study says Nainital green cover declining, experts worried

VINEET UPADHYAY @ Dehradun

A study by Dehradun-based Centre for Ecology Development and Research (CEDAR), IIT-Roorkee and Forest Research Institute-Dehradun has revealed that the green cover in Nainital landscape has declined by 100 hectares (8.6%) in last three decades, a worrisome trend in the landslide prone area.

The study also outlined the importance of building rainwater harvesting structures in hotels and residential buildings, which can reduce the stress on Naini Lake, the primary source of water supply to the hill town.

"The rapid growth of population, tourism influx, and the development of Nainital as tourist hill town has increased the built-up area. In this period, rapid urbanisation, as well as anthropogenic activities such as the construction of roads, parking areas, hotels, schools and recreational sites, has contributed to an increment of the built-up area, making the town susceptible to landslides," the study stated.

According to the study, funded by Union Jal Shakti Ministry and state Department of Water Resources, the green cover in Nainital — around 12.19 sq km —spanned 56.86% of total area in 1990 and has come down to 48.25% in 2020. Dr Vishal Singh, deputy executive director of CEDAR, said, "Increase in built-up area and decreasing forest cover is worrisome. Nainital is highly landslide prone and falls in Zone IV of seismic map. The population of the town has increased five folds since 1901...the built-up area has doubled in last three decades. Restrictions imposed on vulnerable slopes have been blatantly flouted. Even SC directives have failed to deter the building mafia. If strict mitigation measures are not taken immediately, horrific loss of life and property may occur, threatening the very existence of the beautiful town."

> **Nainital's green cover comes down**
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In 2017, water levels in the lake dipped an unprecedented 18 feet below zero mark (which is the optimum water level of the lake) in the summers, raising alarm. "We should focus on 'Catch the Rain' programme of the Government of India which entails water harvesting. Rainwater harvesting structures can make the hill town sustainable in terms of water conservation and can help the authorities to maintain the lake level throughout the year," Singh said.

"The challenge is to meet the water shortage through rainwater harvesting and making it sustainable and for the end users," said Dr Anvita Pandey, one of the experts.

MLA IN TROUBLE

Uttarakhand Police lodged a case against BJP MLA Mahesh Negi and his wife on Saturday late night on the direction of a court in connection with an alleged sexual harassment case. Negi, however, claimed innocence and added that he would move court in the matter

2 KILLED IN CRUDE BOMB BLAST IN KOLKATA

Ahmedabad	36	24	Mumbai	34	26
Bhopal	35	24	Panaji	32	25
Jaipur	34	26	Patna	36	29
Amritsar	34	25	Lucknow	36	28
Chennai	35	26	Port Blair	31	25
Kolkata	36	28	Imphal	30	22
Srinagar	30	18	Chandigarh	34	25

NCB interrogates Rhea, 2nd round today

Actor's lawyer says Rhea ready for arrest as this is a witch hunt, will face consequences if loving someone is crime

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

ACTOR Rhea Chakraborty was questioned by the Narcotics Control Bureau for six hours on Sunday in the drugs case linked to the death of her boyfriend Sushant Singh Rajput.

The actor will be again questioned on Monday.

Earlier, Rhea, 28, arrived at Ballard Estate area at 12 noon where she faced a torrid time entering the NCB's office despite police escorting her through a crowd of media persons who were waiting for her arrival.

The NCB has arrested her younger brother Showik, Sushant's house manager Samuel Miranda and house help Dipesh Sawant.

Actor Rhea Chakraborty outside NCB office in Mumbai; fans protest seeking justice for Sushant Singh Rajput in Patna | PTI

Accompanied by local police, a team led by NCB joint director Sameer Wankhede had visited Rhea's house in Santa Cruz to summon Rhea for her interrogation. "Rhea Chakraborty is ready for arrest as this is a witch hunt and if loving someone is a crime, she will face the consequences of her love," the actor's lawyer Satish Maneshinde said in his statement. "Being innocent, she has not approached any court for anticipatory bail in all the cases foisted by Bihar Police now with CBI, ED and NCB."

The agency wants to question Rhea with Showik, Miranda and Sawant in order to ascertain their individual roles in an alleged drug racket following mobile phone chat records and other electronic data that suggested banned drugs were allegedly being procured by these people.

Rhea, in various interviews, has said that she never tried drugs but claimed that Sushant used take marijuana even before they met.

Miranda is said to have told NCB investigators that he used to procure bud (curated marijuana) for the late actor's household. Sawant was arrested on Saturday and he is expected to be produced by the agency before a local court for seeking his custody.

The NCB initiated a drug angle probe in this case after the ED shared with it a report following the cloning of two mobile phones of Rhea. This case has given the NCB an "inkling" into the narcotics network and its penetration in Bollywood, NCB has said.

BJP cell uses Sushant sticker, Oppn flays move

The ruling BJP's plan to make cash in on Bihar born actor Sushant Singh Rajput a poll agenda became amply clear after stickers featuring the late actor appeared in vehicles used by party workers. The sticker pasted on the vehicles by the BJP's art and culture cell comes with a message — "*Na bhule hai aur na bhulnae denge* (Have not forgotten and will not let it be forgotten)." Not surprisingly the opposition attacked the BJP. Later, the party said its art and culture cell expressed solidarity and love for Sushant in its own way. No interpretation should be made of it, the party asserted.

UTTAR PRADESH

LAND DISPUTE CLAIMS LIFE OF FORMER MLA

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

A three-time former MLA was killed during a brawl with a rival group over a piece in Lakhimpur Kheri district of Uttar Pradesh on Sunday.

The family of the deceased MLA, **Nirvendra Kumar Mishra alias Munna Mishra**, 75, claimed that he was beaten to death while the police said he fell on the ground during an altercation and died.

Mishra had a land dispute case pending in court with Radheyshyam Gupta and Sameer Gupta. The victim's family members claimed the rivals from Palia came with weapons to take possession of the land, which earlier belonged to Mishra, in Trikaulia Padhua locality under Sampurnanagar police station area.

As the former legislator came to know about it, he reached the spot with his son Sanjeev and resisted the move. They were attacked by dozens of people with sticks.

Police sources, however, said Mishra was pushed by the rivals and fell to the ground sustaining head injury. His son also sustained injuries.

On getting the information, police reached the spot and rushed Mishra and his son to hospital, but the ex-MLA succumbed on the way. "He was rushed to a community health centre in Palia and was later taken to another hospital where he was pronounced dead," said district superintendent of police Satyendra Kumar.

Mishra was a three-time MLA from Nighasan seat. He had won twice as an independent candidate in 1989 and 1991 and once on a Samajwadi Party ticket in 1993.. Soon after his death, his supporters gathered in huge numbers and started a protest by keeping his dead body on the road near Trikaulia bus station. His family accused the police of being in cahoots with the assailants.

Oppn slams Yogi govt

The incident has again put the spotlight on the state government. The Congress said the jungle raj' in UP was getting scarier as the Yogi government was sleeping, while SP leader Akhilesh Yadav said the state was "shaken up" by the brutal killing of the former MLA.

The SP claimed that Mishra had sold the land in question to the Guptas. The land was registered in the name of Sameer Gupta who had come to take possession, but was resisted by Mishra and his son.

Local sources claimed Mishra had sold three-and-a-half acre plot. When the Guptas got it measured, it turned out to be four-and-a-half acres. Mishra asked Guptas to take possession of only 3.5 acres, but they were adamant on taking possession of the entire land, they said.

Pilot loyalists plan a grand show on b'day

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

ALL eyes will be again on Congress leader **Sachin Pilot** whose birthday falls today, with his loyalists keen on a major show of strength to project that his popularity and stature remain intact with party's rank and file in Rajasthan.

Pilot turns 43 this Monday and it will be his first birthday since he lost both his major posts — the Deputy CM and the Congress state president — in the state after his rebellion pushed the Ashok Gehlot government to the brink.

Although Pilot supporters are eager to host various programmes and a grand show to underline his clout with the youth and the party cadre in the state, the Corona crisis has become a major stumbling block. An official statement released by the office of Pilot requested his supporters to avoid public gatherings to mark his birthday.

However, Pilot supporters were asked to take a pledge for blood donation. His loyalists plan to collect 43,000 units of blood and create a world record in the process.

In his appeal, Pilot asked his supporters not to gather in large numbers in Jaipur but to hold blood donation camps at block and district levels. Congress workers will aim to break all previous records for conducting such blood camps.

This will serve a dual purpose since blood is much-needed in Corona times and will also send out a strong political signal from the Pilot camp.

Threat call to Uddhav's residence

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

SECURITY arrangements at Maharashtra CM **Uddhav Thackeray**'s private residence Matoshree were bolstered after an anonymous threat call from Dubai on Sunday. The caller claimed that he is a member of underworld don Dawood Ibrahim's gang, the police said.

Taking a serious note of the incident, the Mumbai Police heightened security around Uddhav's home as well as the Vidhan Bhavan complex at Nariman Point as a precaution.

Maharashtra Transport Minister Anil Parab confirmed the threat call to Matoshree. He said, an anonymous call was received on a landline phone.

"The police have been informed about the anonymous call and they are investigating who made the call and for what purpose, whether it was Dawood Gang's accomplice etc," Parab said. "No one dares to threaten Matoshree. If anyone makes such a threat, he will not escape the clutches of the Mumbai Police."

Parab categorically refuted reports in some sections that the caller allegedly issued threats to blow up the CM's residence.

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Matoshree, the residence of the Thackeray, is located at Bandra Kalanagar.

According to the receiver at Matoshree, the caller called up three to four times on the landline. The threatening call came around 11 am on Sunday.

Meanwhile, Minister of State for Home Shambhuraj Desai said Matoshree is a place of worship for Shiv Sainiks. "If anyone looks at this residence with an evil eye, it will not be tolerated. The caller will be traced and will be taught a lesson," he said.

Priests not in favour of Char Dham Board

DEHRADUN: In a fresh move, Char Dham priests have written a letter to the Uttarakhand chief secretary protesting against the formation of a Devsthanam Board by the government

In the letter, they also urged the state government to complete the beautification of the Kedarnath Dham at the earliest. "We urge to the state government to complete the beautification of the Kedarnath Dham at the earliest. In the process, the government should also repair the houses damaged in 2013 floods as promised," the letter read. "After the natural disaster, locals as well as priests shared more properties/land to the State government then asked for the beautification of the Kedarnath Dham. However now, neither locals, not shrine priests are ready to share their land or properties in the name of Master Plan."

In July, the Uttarakhand High Court had dismissed the PIL filed by BJP MP Subramanian Swamy who opposed the formation of 'Char Dham Devsthanam Board' under a law to govern Char Dham and 51 other temples.

In December 2019, a Bill related to management of Char Dhams was passed after discussion in the Uttarakhand Assembly. Later, its name of was changed to Uttarakhand Char Dham Devshtanam Management Board Act. *ENS*

EXPRESS READ

Cong Rajya Sabha MP tests Covid positive

Chandigarh: Congress Rajya Sabha MP from Haryana Deepender Singh Hooda tested positive for COVID-19 on Sunday. The 42-year-old, who is the lone opposition MP from Haryana, is currently in Delhi. "My Corona# Covid19 report has returned positive. As per advice of doctors, other tests are being conducted," Deepender tweeted. The MP asked people who may have come in his contact to isolate themselves and get tested.

Bengal's top leaders visit Jangalmahal to unite faction-ridden grassroots workers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

TO strengthen the BJP's organisational strength at grass roots, senior leaders Kailash Vijayvargiya and Mukul Roy visited Jhargram on Sunday and held meeting with the district functionaries.

Jhargram falls in Jangalmahal, the erstwhile stronghold of Maoists.

The saffron camp is focused to keep the pace that the party gained in the 2018 civic polls from the region for more gains against the ruling Trinamool Congress in the backward zone of West Bengal.

Junglemahal's politics is expected to be charged up ahead of the 2021 Assembly elections as all mainstream political players are busy taking the tribals and OBC electorates into their confidence. In addition, the presence of Maoist has become visible after a nine-year silence observed by the outlawed outfit that influenced the electoral process in the region on several occasions.

The visit was said to be significant because BJP assessed that its support was withering. "Our intra-party conflict is one of the key reasons behind it. During state president Dilip Ghosh's recent Junglemahal visit, two factions got involved in war or words in front of Ghosh," said a BJP leader.

RELATIONSHIP GOALS

Tribal couple's interstate scooter ride wins hearts

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

HELP is pouring in for a poor tribal man from Jharkhand, who covered nearly 1,200 km on a rickety scooter to help his wife fulfill her dreams of becoming a school teacher.

Dhananjay Kumar Hembrom, 27, drove all the way from Godda to Gwalior, so that six months pregnant wife Soni Hembrom, 22, who is pursuing a diploma course in elementary education, could her write exams. It took the couple three days to complete the journey.

Soni had enrolled herself with MP Board of Secondary Education in 2019 as the fee there is much less than that in Jharkhand.

Dhananjay, a non-matric, was working as a cook with a private company in Gujarat, and had to spend his entire savings of ₹30,000 to return home during lockdown. Since, then he has been jobless.

When the exam dates were announced in September first week, Soni mortgaged whatever ornaments she had in order to arrange money for travel. But the couple learnt that it was not enough for a train or bus ticket. Undeterred, they finally set out on their scooter.

As a video of the couple was made viral by a local journalist after they reached Gwalior, helped started pouring in. The Adani Foundation has arranged flight tickets for the couple from Gwalior to Ranchi, while Gwalior DM Kaushlendra Vikram Singh has made all arrangements for their stay, besides giving them financial support of ₹5,000. "They (Adani) have also promised to make some arrangements so that my two-wheeler rturns Godda safely," said Dhananjay.

Others pitch in

The School Education Department has also given ₹5,000 to Dhananjay and Soni while a police officer in Jamshedpur has promised to support with ₹5,000.

Self-taught teacher gets National Award

Geeta Mali, a resident of Barmer district, is the only teacher from Rajasthan to get this year's National Teachers' Award. Like any other girls in rural Rajasthan, Geeta had left her studies and In 2000, she got married in Kawas village. Geeta decided to complete her study and somehow managed to fill form for secondary class. She completed her secondary and senior secondary education and became a government teacher. "I appeal to all parents and people in society to encourage girls to study," said Geeta. "I want to tell the girls that we can face every situation and fulfill our dreams if we are determined."

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JAIPUR DIARY

Gandhi Jayanti events to be digital

Given the current pandemic situation, Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot has decided to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi next month in a digital way. Gehlot while presiding over a meeting of the Department of Arts, Literature, Culture and Archeology at his residence said in today's circumstances, Mahatma Gandhi's ideas are important to encourage the common man protect democracy and the Constitution. The CM said that Mahatma's ideas should be spread through regular webinars at monthly and fortnightly intervals. Besides directing officials to prepare for a global conclave, Gehlot also held discussions to set up a Mahatma Gandhi Museum in Jaipur.

No takers for 'jinxed' helicopter

The Rajasthan government is struggling to find buyers for an Agusta helicopter which has been grounded since 2011 following a technical glitch during a flight with former chief minister Ashok Gehlot on board. A fresh auction of the flying machine was fixed for Friday but it found no takers. The directorate of civil aviation has tried to sell off this chopper four times and the minimum price was fixed at just ₹4.5 crore. This Agusta helicopter was procured during the Vasundhara Raje tenure as chief minister in 2006. Later, however, in 2011 after a technical glitch during a flight with the-then Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on board it has been grounded.

Corona delays appointments

After the Gehlot-Pilot feud kept many appointments on hold, now the Corona crisis has further delayed the long-pending political process. The vacancies include 8 new ministers, 20 Parliamentary Secretaries from among the MLAs and 52 boards and corporations. But given the austerity in Covid times, the Gehlot government is now keen to save about ₹100 crore that is supposed to be spent on these posts every year. For nearly two years, many Congress workers and leaders in the state have been waiting for appointments at several boards, corporations and commissions in the state.

2,988
new Covid-19 infections in the UK on Sunday. This is the country's highest daily number of new coronavirus cases since May

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower

Beijing	31	16	LC	Los Angeles	31	22	SNY
Colombo	29	26	HR	Melbourne	23	13	LC
Dhaka	31	25	HR	Moscow	19	12	LR
Dubai	40	30	SNY	New York	31	18	LR
Houston	34	26	LR	Singapore	30	25	HR
Istanbul	30	20	LC	Toronto	21	13	LC
London	20	10	LR	Washington	30	16	LR

Sparks fly in Portland on 100th day of anti-racism protests

WASHINGTON

POLICE arrested dozens of people and used tear gas against hundreds of demonstrators in Portland late on Saturday as the western US city marked 100 days since Black Lives Matter protests erupted against racism and police brutality.

Police quickly declared the rally a "riot" after protesters hurled Molotov cocktails at them, and they responded with a barrage of tear gas.

At least one person was injured by the fire bombs, police said. Officers arrested dozens of protesters in an ensuing game of cat-and-mouse through a residential district of east Portland. "It was Day 100 for Black Lives Matter protests in Portland since George Floyd's murder and they wanted to prevent us from marching," said 20-year-old protestor Jay.

"It's our constitutional right to be here and to express ourselves," she said.

Police said people were "engaging in tumultuous and violent conduct thereby intentionally or recklessly creating a grave risk of causing public alarm".

"This is a riot. Police are giving announcements to disperse. People are throwing Molotov cocktails," Portland Police said on Twitter.

The nightly protests were sparked by the death of George Floyd while in police custody in Minneapolis in May, which triggered protests nationwide, but it is in Portland — whose population is more than 70 percent white — that activists have remained on the streets. *AFP*

Police use chemical irritants and crowd control munitions to disperse protesters in Portland on Saturday night | AP

1 killed, several hurt in England stabbing spree

Late-night violence in four locations over 2 hours shocks Birmingham

Forensics experts gather evidence at one of the sites of Saturday's attacks | AFP

Knife crime on the rise in UK

Official statistics show knife crime is on the rise in the UK, where most guns are outlawed, though the number of homicides with blades fell in 2019 from the year before. Britain has seen several recent extremist knife attacks, including a stabbing rampage in a city park in Reading, near London, in June that killed three people. A Libyan man has been charged

BIRMINGHAM

A man was killed and seven people were injured in a series of late-night stabbings in a busy nightlife area of Birmingham, police said on Sunday.

Police said they were searching for a lone male suspect in what appeared to be random attacks.

Chief Superintendent Steve Graham of West Midlands Police said detectives were still investigating the motive but "there is absolutely no suggestion at all that this is a terror-related incident."

West Midlands Police said officers were called to reports of a stabbing shortly after midnight on Sunday.

That was soon followed by reports of other stabbings across the city center area over two hours.

Police said they believed the stabbings were linked and have launched a murder investigation.

Graham said two of the seven injured people, a man and a woman, were in critical condition in hospitals. Five others received "relatively minor" injuries. One of the stabbing sites is in the city's Gay Village, but Graham said there was no suggestion the crime was "motivated by hate."

He also said it did not appear to be gang-related.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson tweeted that it was a "terrible incident" and thanked the emergency services.

West Midlands Mayor Andy Street urged people "to not speculate about the incident" and to "remain calm but vigilant."

Police have set up cordons at several sites around the city center, an area full of bars and nightclubs.

Cara Curran, a club promoter, said she saw multiple people fighting in the street, though it was unclear whether that was connected to the stabbings.

"It was one group of boys against another group of boys," she told the BBC, adding that "racial slurs" were being thrown.

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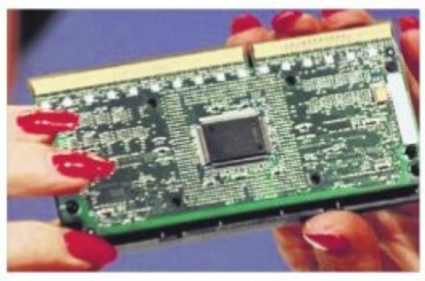
Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corp is a world-leading chipmaker based in Shanghai

US mulls curbs on chipmaker over alleged PLA ties

WASHINGTON

China's leading maker of semiconductors has denied it has any links to the military, following reports that Washington is considering stepping up its feud with Beijing over technology and security by imposing export controls that could disrupt manufacturing for a national industrial champion. US regulators are considering adding Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corp. to a list of foreign buyers that need government permission to acquire technology or components, according to *The Wall Street Journal*.

They said the officials are looking at whether SMIC plays any role in Chinese military development.

'"We have no relationship with the Chinese military,' the company said in a statement.

SMIC is a leader in a semiconductor industry built up by the ruling Communist Party in an effort to reduce China's reliance on foreign technology.

The Trump administration is trying block Chinese access to US technology it worries might be used to make weapons or develop competitors to American industry.

The US-Chinese tariff war that erupted in 2018 was sparked in part by Washington's complaints about Beijing's technology ambitions.

The United States and other governments complain Chinese development plans are based on stealing or pressuring foreign companies to hand over technology. *AFP*

Hong Kong Police detain people amid protesters on Sunday | AFP

HK police swoop down on protesters, 300 held

HONG KONG

NEARLY 300 people were arrested by Hong Kong police on Sunday as riot officers swooped on democracy protesters opposed to the postponement of local elections.

Sunday was meant to be voting day for the city's partially elected legislature, one of the few instances where Hong Kongers get to cast ballots.

But the city's pro-Beijing leader Carrie Lam suspended the polls for a year—citing the coronavirus—angering the pro-democracy opposition who had been hoping to capitalise on seething anti-government sentiment.

Hundreds of riot police flooded the district of Kowloon in a bid to thwart online calls for flash mob protests to mark the suspended vote.

Throughout the afternoon officers were heckled by people shouting slogans such as "Give me back my vote!" and "Corrupt cops!" as officers conducted multiple stop and searches and ordered crowds to disperse.

In a Facebook statement, police said at least 289 people were arrested, mostly for unlawful assembly.

One woman was detained under a new security law Beijing imposed on the city for chanting independence slogans, the force added.

Live images showed three prominent pro-democracy politicians—Leung Kwok-hung, Figo Chan and Raphael Wong —were among those held.

The protests came hours after the police's national security unit arrested Tam Tak-chi, another democracy activist, for "uttering seditious words". He is the latest in a long line of Beijing critics to find themselves facing prosecution *AFP*

EXPRESS READ

Anti-govt protests rock Minsk for 5th weekend

Minsk: Tens of thousands of demonstrators marched Sunday to the outskirts of the presidential residence in the capital of Belarus, calling for the country's authoritarian leader to resign as protests against President Alexander Lukashenko entered their fifth week. Protests also took place in major cities throughout Belarus, said a government spokeswoman.

Boats sink during pro-Trump parade

Houston: A Texas boat parade in support of US President Donald Trump's campaign ran into trouble on Saturday, as multiple vessels took on water or sank, authorities said. The Travis County Sheriff's Office "responded to multiple calls involving boats in distress during the Trump parade on Lake Travis," it said on Twitter. No injuries or medical emergencies were reported.

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DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (HDFC Limited)** under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice/s, within **60 days** from the date of the respective Notice/s, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notices are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) , may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.
In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to **HDFC Limited,** within **60 days** from the date of publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated hereinbelow in their respective names, together with further interest @ 18% p.a. as detailed in the said Demand Notices from the respective dates mentioned below in column (c) till the date of payment and / or realisation, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset(s) have been mortgaged to **HDFC Limited** by the said Borrower (s) respectively.

Sl. No.	Name of Borrower(s) /Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s)	Loan A/c No. And Total Outstanding Dues	Description of Immovable property / Secured Asset
(a)	(b)	(C)	(f)
1.	**1) Mr.Ravindranatha Mallya (Borrower)** Himavan-2, Flat No F-03, 41/2, 2nd Main, Coconut Garden Nagarabhavi Main Road, Near Hotel Kingfisher, Bengaluru-560072 **Also at:** **Designation:** Consulting 523, 2ndA Cross, Basaveshwar Nagar, 3rd Stage, Near 3rd Block, Bengaluru-560079. **Also at:** Flat 5012,5th Floor, R S Sanchike Apartment, Bandemutt Layout, Kengeri Kommagotta Road Kst, Satellite Town Kengeri, Bengaluru-560060 **2)Mrs. Shobha Bola Seshagiri** (Co-Borrower) 523, 2nd A Cross, Basaveshwar Nagar, 3rdStage, Near 3rd Block, Bengaluru-560079 **Also at:** Flat 5012,5th Floor, R S Sanchike Apartment, Bandemutt Layout, Kengeri Kommagotta Road Kst, Satellite Town Kengeri, Bengaluru-560060.	**Loan A/c No 621428558 Rs.28,53,798/- Due as on 31.05.2020** Date of Demand Notice (d) 29.07.2020 Date of NPA (e) 29.02.2020	All that piece and parcel of residential apartment bearing No.5012, in the 5thFloor, of the building known as "R S SANCHIKE", having a super built up area of 1656 Sq. Feet along with car parking space with proportionate share of 0.85% (550 sq. feet)of undivided share, right title and interest in the land bearing Sy.No.215 and 217 extent 4 Acres 28 Guntas situated in Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District. Conversion order bearing Nos.ALN. (S) S R (Ken)84/11-12 dt: 3.10.2011 and A1.N. (S) S.R (Ken) 47/12-13 dt: 28.11.2012.
2.	**1) Mrs.Sangeeta Gaur Wife of Mr. Sanjay Kumar Gaur (Borrower) [since deceased]Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of Mr. Sanjay Kumar Gaur** Flat B-603, Purva Fountain Square Apartment,Varthur Road, NearMarathahalli Flyover, LakshminarayanaPura, AECS Layout, Marathahalli, Bengaluru-560037. **Also at:** Flat-G-329, 3rd Floor, Brigade Cosmopolis Apartment, Whitefield Village,K R PuramHobli, Bengaluru-560066 **2) Master Ritwik Gaur Son of Mr. Sanjay Kumar Gaur (Borrower) [since deceased] Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of Mr. Sanjay Kumar Gaur** Flat B-603, Purva Fountain Square Apartment,Varthur Road, NearMarathahalli Flyover, LakshminarayanaPura, AECS Layout, Marathahalli, Bengaluru-560037 **Also at:** Flat-G-329, 3rd Floor, Brigade Cosmopolis Apartment, Whitefield Village,K R PuramHobli, Bengaluru-560066. **3) MasterOorjitGaur Son of Mr. Sanjay Kumar Gaur (Borrower) [since deceased] Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of Mr. Sanjay Kumar Gaur** Flat B-603, Purva Fountain Square Apartment, Varthur Road, NearMarathahalli Flyover, LakshminarayanaPura, AECS Layout, Marathahalli, Bengaluru-560037 **Also at:** Flat-G-329, 3rd Floor, Brigade Cosmopolis Apartment, Whitefield Village, K R PuramHobli, Bengaluru-560066. **4) Mrs. Shashi Gaur Mother of Mr. Sanjay Kumar Gaur (Borrower) [since deceased] Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of Mr. Sanjay Kumar Gaur** Flat B-603, Purva Fountain Square Apartment,Varthur Road, Near Marathahalli Flyover, Lakshminaraana Pura, AECS Layout, Marathahalli, Bengaluru-560037. **Also at:** Flat-G-329, 3rd Floor, Brigade Cosmopolis Apartment,Whitefield Village,K R Puram Hobli, Bengaluru-560066. **5) And other known and unknown Legal Heir(s) of Mr. Sanjay Kumar Gaur (Borrower) [since deceased] Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of Mr. Sanjay Kumar Gaur** Flat B-603, Purva Fountain Square Apartment, Varthur Road, Near Marathahalli Flyover, Lakshminarayana Pura, AECS Layout, Marathahalli, Bengaluru-560037. **And other known and unknown Legal Heir(s) of Mr. Sanjay Kumar Gaur (Borrower) [since deceased] Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of Mr. Sanjay Kumar Gaur** Flat-G-329, 3rd Floor, Brigade Cosmopolis Apartment,Whitefield Village, K R PuramHobli, Bengaluru-560066.	**1) Loan A/c No 627526957 Rs.1,98,10,292/- 2) Loan A/c No 629804902 Rs.11,96,121/- Due as on 31.07.2020** Date of Demand Notice (d) 12.08.2020 Date of NPA (e) 31.01.2020	All that piece and parcel of residential apartment bearing No.G-329, in the 3rdFloor, ofBlock 'G' the building known as "BRIGADE COSMOPOLIS", having a built up area of 3410 Sq. Feet along with twoopen/coveredcar parking space/s in the lower/upper basement floor/surface level with proportionate share of 762.84 sq. feet (Equivalent to 70.87 Sq.mt) of undivided share, right title and interest in the land on which the building is constructed bearing Sy No. 21/2,24/2,25/2,26/1,27,29 situated at Whitefield Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, duly converted for non agricultural purposes vide order of DC bearing No. B.DIS. ALN.SR.6374 daed 24.06.1972, ALN.SR.200/1971-72 dated 27.07.1972 presently bearing BBMP Municipal Khata No.620/100, municipal Ward No. 84, Whitefield Sub Division, Whitefield Village, K R Puram, Hobli, Bengaluru.
3.	**1) Mr. ShettySakshath R (Borrower)** No.585, Shoubhita, 4th Main, Bhavani Nagar 2nd Stage, Railway Men Building, Co-operative Society, UllaluUpanagara, Bengaluru-560056. **Also at:** No 420,2nd Floor, 8th Main Road, MPM Layout, Nagarbhavi, Bengaluru-560072. **Also at:** Ravileela Enterprises **Designation:** Proprietor No.311, 5th Main, 6th Cross, RHCS Layout, Anna Poorneshwari Viswaneedam, Bengaluru-560091. **Also at:** Flat-0503, 5th Floor, Tower-05, SattvaAnugraha Apartment, Sajjepalya Village, YeshwanthpuraHobli, Bengaluru-560040. **2) Mrs. Shobhitha (Co-borrower-1)** No 420,2nd Floor, 8th Main Road, MPM Layout, Nagarbhavi, Bengaluru-560072 **Also at:** VidyaNiketan Public School **Designation:** Teacher Ullal Road Cross, UllalUpanagara, Bengaluru-560056. **Also at:** Flat-0503, 5th Floor, Tower-05, SattvaAnugraha Apartment, Sajjepalya Village, YeshwanthpuraHobli, Bengaluru-560040. **3) M/S. Ravileela Enterprises (Co-borrower-2)** No.311, 5th Main, 6th Cross, RHCS Layout, Anna Poorneshwari Viswaneedam, Bengaluru-560091. **Also at:** Flat-0503, 5th Floor, Tower-05, SattvaAnugraha Apartment, Sajjepalya Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru-560040.	**Loan A/c No 631593576 Rs.38,22,584/- Due as on 31.07.2020** Date of Demand Notice (d) 26.08.2020 Date of NPA (e) 31.08.2019	All that piece and parcel of residential 2 bed room apartment bearing No.0503, on the 5th Floor, in the Tower 05 (shown as tower 05 in the Building sanction plan)of the building known as "ANUGRAHA", having a Carpet area of 734.310 Sq.ft. and super built up area of 1020 Sq. Feet along with one coveredcar park space in the basement with proportionate share of 0.063% of undivided share, right title and interest in the land on which the building is constructed bearing Municipal No.8/1, situated at Sajjepalya Village, Magadi Main Road, Ward No.103, YeshwanthpurHobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore.
4.	**Mr. Gourav Gupta (Borrower)** Liberty Shoes Ltd. **Designation:** RSM - South **Department:** Marketing # 113/4, 17th "A" Cross, 8th Main Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560055. **Also at:** Flat No 507, 3rdFloor, M K Apartments, CTS 435/2 To 435/7, Keshwapura, Hubli Dist, Hubli-580023.	**Loan A/c No 604606624 Rs.6,95,848/- Due as on 31.07.2020** Date of Demand Notice (d) 25.08.2020 Date of NPA (e) 31.05.2019	**Schedule "A" Property:** 2.77% i.e.255.89 Sq.Ft CTS. Nos. 435/2+ 435/3+ 435/4+ 435/5+ 435/6+ 435/7, measuring about 147.15+ 153.28+ 150.17+ 101.40+ 153.28+ 153.28 Sq.Meters respectively, which totally equivalent to 858.56 Sq.Meters, i.e. 9,238.10 Sq.feet, adjacent to each other, situated at CTS Ward Extension, Keshwapur, Hubli, and all plots are adjacent one another and all property **boundaries as Follows: To the East:** Road and Plot no.8, **To the West:** Azad Park Road, **To the North:** Road,**To the South:** Road. **Schedule "B" Property:** The residential Flat No.507 on Third Floor with Super Built up Area Measuring 858 Sq.Feet in residential Apartment Known as "M.K. Paradise" Apartment, situated at Keshwapur, Hubli.

*with further interest @ 18% p.a. as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization.
If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to **HDFC Limited** as aforesaid, then **HDFC Limited** shall proceed against the above Secured Asset(s) / Immovable Property (ies) under Section 13 (4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risk of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) as to the costs and consequences.
The said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) are prohibited under the said Act to transfer the aforesaid Secured Asset (s) / Immovable Property (ies), whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of **HDFC Limited.** Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules made thereunder shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 07.09.2020

Sd/- Authorized Officer HDFC LIMITED Under the SARFAESI ACT, 2002

₹10L cr worth loans may avail the benefits offered by the government's proposed one-time restructuring proposal, according to agency reports

Our elders have often asked us not to put all eggs in one basket. Hedging is a modern-day process just for that

HEDGING IS OLD WISDOM IN A NEW BOTTLE

RAJAS KELKAR

MOST of us are risk-averse by nature. Nobody likes to lose money. That perhaps explains the meagre participation in the stock market by the Indian public. Only 2 per cent of Indians are proud owners of a demat account. The rest cling mostly to physical assets like property and gold.

Uncertainty is the most significant dampener when it comes to equity markets. Share prices are rallying at a time when people around you are struggling to make ends meet. Many of you may ponder over the situation. It is not just an India phenomenon. It is happening in developed markets like the United States too.

In stock market parlance, they call this share prices running ahead of fundamentals. For most people not aware of these nuances, the best strategy is to stay away.

But, there is a hefty price you pay for staying out. It may not be today or tomorrow, but years later. By staying out, you do not allow yourself the benefit of the power of compounding. As your money grows over the years, it starts to make money for you. That is the primary reason why the public provident fund or PPF is such a successful scheme. Regular 15-year investment in a PPF scheme gives you a pool of money mostly due to the compounding interest factor. The interest in it generates more income for you than the principal amount as you head closer to the 15th year.

2 per cent
of the Indian population have a demat account, which is essential to trade in the stock markets

98 per cent
of Indian prefer to invest in physical assets

49%
is the rise in the BSE Sensex index over the past five years, despite the steep fall it saw this summer

AMIT BANDRE

The government guarantees the PPF return. However, as interest rates decline, the guaranteed returns are falling every year. We need low-interest rates for economic growth for a long time. So, expect the PPF guaranteed return to go down consistently every year.

A reason for you to invest in equity markets through systematic investment plans is that an investment in reliable businesses over 15 years can generate twice the return that you generate on the PPF deposit. However, stock markets are shaky, volatile and do not follow a linear path in their growth trajectory.

In September 2005, Hindustan Unilever shares traded at ₹169. Today, the share price is ₹2,131. You return over 18 per cent every year. You can use freely available multiple calculators to determine the exact return generated by the company's share. Now, you may think about risking your savings into one such company. It is reasonable to doubt.

If you are not sure about the direction of the market, hedging is a mechanism that allows you to minimise the risk. You can never eliminate the risk in any investment. You can only minimise it. In such a situation, you hedge your risk. Diversification into more stocks is an excellent first step. It minimises the chance for you. So you may choose more companies in India's consumer sector for your long-term investment. If you pick the 30-share S&P BSE Sensex, your return may be 11.25 per cent but hedged due to diversification.

If you bet on a few stocks, it may be a good idea to hedge your exposure through options in the derivatives market. They are like an insurance premium you pay against a potential downside. If you think stock markets are likely to continue to slide and you are buying more into your chosen stocks, you could buy Nifty index put options or of those stocks you are regularly investing. It may be a good idea to talk to your financial advisor before doing something like that.

Your stockbroker will give you all the information about hedging your portfolio. A relationship manager from your stockbroker can walk you through the process.

Current circumstances are such that investors are hedging in the derivatives market as well as they are buying gold. Gold prices and equity shares rarely rally at the same time. At some point in time, share prices may fall sharply. So hedging is not just about using derivatives. You are hedging to protect your finances. That could happen through diversification of investments into multiple asset classes. After all, our elders have often asked us not to put all eggs in one basket. Hedging is a modern-day process just for that.

PART-2

Unraveling the Retirement Fund Maze

ASHOK KUMAR

IN the last column, we concluded that the Retirement Fund offerings by Asset Management Companies are not strictly comparable as their Asset Allocation mix and their investment objectives are not uniform. And it is thus that I must add the caveat that while this column features funds that form part of this category, they lack comparability.

The four retirement funds under the spotlight in this column are Tata Retirement Savings Fund-Conservative Plan, HDFC Retirement Savings Fund-Hybrid Equity Plan, UTI Retirement Benefit Pension Fund and Nippon India Retirement Fund-Wealth Creation Scheme.

Tata Retirement Savings Fund-Conservative Plan is an open-ended retirement scheme that has a lock-in of 5 years or till retirement age, whichever happens earlier.

Its asset allocation mix is 30 per cent equity and 70 per cent debt. Its equity portfolio comprises primarily of banks besides consumer goods, pharmaceuticals and petroleum products. Its debt portfolio comprises 50 per cent in Government Securities with the rest in ZCBs, NCDs and State Development Loans. This fund has delivered a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of a little over 8 per cent over a 5-year period.

HDFC Retirement Savings Fund-Hybrid Equity Plan is an open-ended scheme that invests in a mix of equity and debt instruments. Its equity to debt allocation mix is 66:34. The fund's equity investments are primarily in large caps with sectoral allocation to Financials, Energy and Technology. Its debt holdings include Government of India (GoI) securities, NCDs, Debentures & bonds. This fund does not yet have a 5 year track record, and has delivered a CAGR of approximately 4.5 per cent over 3 years.

UTI Retirement Benefit Pension Fund is one of the oldest funds in this segment and it has an equity to debt asset allocation mix of 40:60. The equity portfolio comprises 68 per cent in large caps, 23 per cent in mid caps and 9 per cent in small caps. Its debt holdings include 38 per cent in long term debt and 20 per cent in Government securities. This fund has delivered a CAGR of around 6 per cent over a 5-year period.

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Nippon India Retirement Fund-Wealth Creation Scheme is a predominantly equity fund. Its asset allocation thus is around 95 per cent in equity with the balance being in cash & cash equivalents. Of its equity holding almost 76 per cent is in large caps , 15 per cent in mid caps and around 9 per cent in small caps. Its sectoral allocations are predominantly in Financials, Technology and Construction. This fund has delivered a CAGR of around 6 per cent over a 5-year period.

Given the growing life expectancy in India and the new funds that have entered this space, it is bound to evolve. The minimum time frame for evaluation of these funds will have to be 5 years with 7-10 years being more ideal. Once that is in place, it will be a lot easier to distinguish the men from the boys.

DIVESTMENT

L&T completes E&A sale to Schneider

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INFRASTRUCTURE major Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has sold its Electrical & Automation (L&T E&A) business to Schneider Electric, a global player in energy management and automation.

The deal, which was first announced in May 2018 is now complete, with the companies having acquired the requisite regulatory approvals and fulfilling the necessary conditions.

"The divestment is in line with L&T's stated goal of unlocking value for future growth," said L&T, adding that its exit from the business is part of the strategic portfolio review process.

A M Naik, Group Chairman, Larsen & Toubro said: "The closure of divestment of the E&A business is a key milestone in our stated long-term strategy. The challenge was to carve out a business of this scale, with minimum disruption to the sprawling customer base and do it all amid the constraints of a pandemic". S N Subrahmanyan, CEO & MD, L&T said the all-cash deal would create a stronger balance sheet.

"This is in sync with our strategy to look at L&T in broadly three areas, EPC Construction & Projects, Manufacturing & Defence and Services," he added. Manufacturing facilities in Navi Mumbai, Ahmednagar, Vadodara, Coimbatore and Mysuru will also be transferred.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹2,124.6

Target Price ₹2,550

HINDUSTAN UNILEVER

HUVR's earnings growth has gained further momentum in recent years (17% EPS CAGR in 3 years v/s ~12% CAGR over 10 years). This is particularly impressive given the weak mid-single-digit earnings growth posted by (much smaller) peers.

—Motilal Oswal Financial Services

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Insurance regulator mulls reintroducing ILIPs

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

INSURANCE sector regulator Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai) has announced that it has formed a working group to examine the various aspects of index-linked insurance products (Ilips) and whether they may be offered by life insurers.

Such plans are not new to the sector, since they were only banned in 2013. This was due to the fact that insurers had taken a too aggressive strategy in selling the policies, which saw much traction before being stopped in 2013.

Now, however, with markets more mature, the regulator has received requests from life insurers to consider reintroducing them, a possibility which the committee will examine.

It will look into whether there is a need for such index-linked products and how they will serve the needs and interests of customers compared with traditional savings insurance products.

But, what are ILIPs?

Before being banned, these plans invested policyholders' money into indices linked to instruments such as government securities or bonds. Earlier, the plans had a minimum guarantee and were considered low-risk investments. The committee will examine such index-linked products from the past in terms of product structure, customer understanding, administrative processes and sales, among other features.

The IRDAI had also considered the scheme to put investment risk being borne by customers, while insurers positioned them as traditional savings plans.

However, the IRDAI's committee this time will give recommendations on features such as product structure and pricing along with suggestions on possible amendments to current regulations on investment-linked products. Earlier, these plans had operated like a bank account, where each policyholder had a separate managed account, according to Rakesh Goyal of Probus Insurance.

Ilips are insurance products whose returns are linked to benchmark indices. It can be linked to the 10-year government bonds or equity indices such as Sensex or Nifty.

Vivek Jain, Head-Investments, Policybazaar.com

Franklin Templeton sees ₹1,498 cr inflow

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

FRANKLIN Templeton Mutual Fund's six closed schemes, which had been shut due to several defaults by highly stressed companies delaying incoming payments, have now received around ₹1,498 crore during the second week of August. According to the fund, this inflow through maturities, pre-payments, and coupon payment takes total cash flows received between April 24 and the first week of September to ₹6,486 crore.

Franklin Templeton had on April 23 shut six debt mutual fund schemes citing redemption pressure and lack of liquidity in the bond market. The schemes together have an estimated ₹25,000 crore as assets under management (AUM) and include the Franklin India Low Duration Fund, Franklin India Dynamic Accrual Fund, Franklin India Credit Risk Fund, Franklin India Short Term Income Plan, Franklin India Ultra Short Bond Fund, and Franklin India Income Opportunities Fund.

Of the six schemes, Franklin India Low Duration Fund and Franklin India Credit Risk Fund (FICRF) are the latest schemes to turn cash positive with 5 per cent and 1 per cent of their respective AUMs available in cash. This will be distributed to unitholders subject to a successful unitholder vote, according to the company.

Further, cash positions in Franklin India Ultra Short Bond Fund and Franklin India Dynamic Accrual Fund rose to 31 per cent and 14 per cent of their respective AUMs as of August 31. "Active monetization of assets of the schemes and distribution of investment proceeds to the unitholders will be possible only after successful e-voting," the statement noted.

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Official statement, Franklin Templeton

SBI board clears VRS, thousands may apply

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE State Bank of India board has approved the voluntary retirement scheme for 2020, an official said.

All permanent employees who have completed 25 years of service or 55 years of age can opt for the scheme. However, it is up to the bank to accept or reject applications.

Those who avail VRS get one year's full salary or half pay for the remaining service period (whichever amount is lower).

SBI offers VRS every year between December and March, subject to board approval. The bank doesn't have 'targets' for VRS; 15,000-20,000 employees retire each year.

SBI MF to pause lump sum investments into Small Cap Fund starting today

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

ASSET management firm SBI Mutual Fund has announced that it will no longer accept lump sum investments into its Small Cap Fund from September 7. The move come around five months after the fund was reopened on March 30.

However, the company's officials said that the fund's size has gone past ₹5,000 crore and pointed out that small-cap companies have started facing capacity constraints even as the market has run up.

The fund has also limited new systematic investment plans (SIP) of up to ₹5,000 per investor, even though existing SIPs registered before 8 September will continue.

The Nifty Smallcap 100 index has soared by nearly 40 per cent over the three months ended August and with the firm's total Assets Under Management (AUM) breaching the ₹5,000 crore mark, analysts say that the decision is a prudent one.

According to D P Singh, chief business officer, SBI Mutual Fund, the company's decision is to ensure that existing investors don't suffer due to capacity constraints. This is the second such halt for the fund. It had initially been closed in 2015, a move not reversed until this summer. In 2015, the action was taken since the fund had alreadu hit its maximum capacity constraint of ₹750 crore as specified in its own offer document.

Other funds haven't seen as much cash inflow

While other small cap funds from DSP and had also opened up lump sum investment in April this year, they have not seen the same level as fund inflows as SBI MF. Nippon India Small Cap Fund's AUM has shrunk from ₹8,567 crore to ₹8,322 crore from the end of February to July. DSP's fell from ₹5,045 crore to ₹4,650 crore

Covid trends, geopolitics to drive market sentiment

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA'S equity markets are likely to take their cues from developments in the larger world, alongside how case numbers are trending as for as the pandemic is concerned. According to market analysts, with most key economic data having been released the previous week and suggesting a long road to recovery, Indian investors are likely to continue on a consolidative mode.

Over the trading week ended September 4, Friday, the benchmark BSE Sensex index fell 2.81 per cent or 1,110 points, and the NSE Nifty dropped 2.7 per cent or 314 points. This followed data releases recording India's first quarter GDP nearly 24 per cent lower than the same period of the previous year. The contraction is the worst in over five decades and the recovery is expected to be long-drawn out.

MARKETS FALL

- Over the trading week ended September 4, the BSE Sensex fell 2.81 per cent
- India's first quarter GDP fell by nearly 24 per cent against the same period last year
- NSE Nifty dropped 2.7 per cent or 314 points

"Going ahead, market is likely to remain in consolidative mode in the near term with more of sector/stock specific actions and intermittent profit-booking cannot be ruled out. Market would now be looking forward for positive signs of economic recovery and would track development around US stimulus announcement," Siddhartha Khemka, Head - Retail Research, Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd, said. Investors would also watch developments with respect to India-China border issue, he pointed out.

The situation in eastern Ladakh remains tense and Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh had conveyed to his Chinese counterpart Wei Fenghe that China must strictly respect the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and not make attempts to unilaterally change its status quo.

Gasly wins Italian GP, Hamilton seventh

AlphaTauri driver **Pierre Gasly** claimed an unlikely victory at the Italian GP after a thrilling race which saw world champion Lewis Hamilton given a 10-second penalty. It was Gasly's first-ever win in Formula One. The 24-year-old finished 0.415 seconds ahead of McLaren driver Carlos Sainz. Hamilton finished seventh.

Arabian dates: Ready for delivery

Mumbai Indians face Chennai Super Kings in Abu Dhabi to kick-start rescheduled IPL, 10 double headers in total

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Chennai

AFTER a long wait, the Board of Control for Cricket in India released the Indian Premier League schedule. The opener, on September 19, will see Mumbai Indians beginning their title defence against Chennai Super Kings in Abu Dhabi. Keeping the Covid-19 factor in mind, the BCCI has also issued a disclaimer clause, stating that the schedule will be changed if the reason is deemed fit enough. The statement put out by the BCCI didn't mention if spectators will be allowed inside the stadium, although the Emirates Cricket Board had said there were plans to accommodate them in consultation with their government and the BCCI.

Apart from Abu Dhabi's Sheikh Zayed Cricket Stadium, Dubai Sports City and Sharjah Cricket Ground will also play host to the league stages of the tournament. The BCCI will announce the venues for the playoffs at a later stage. While Dubai will get to host 24 league matches, Abu Dhabi will see 20 matches and Sharjah 12. The evening matches will begin at 7.30 PM IST (6 PM local) and afternoon matches at 3.30 PM IST (2 PM).

RCB players during a training session in Dubai on Sunday | TWITTER

Keeping in mind the extreme heat conditions in the region, there won't be any double headers until October 3. Even though teams were apprehensive of playing afternoon matches considering the heat factor, there are 10 fixtures that begin at 2 PM local time with Sunrisers Hyderabad, Royal Challengers Bangalore and Rajasthan Royals scheduled to play three matches each. The other teams play two matches that begin in the afternoon with six matches slated for in the last two weeks of October, when the temperatures aren't that harsh.

Mumbai Indians and Kolkata Knight Riders, who have Abu Dhabi as their base, will play eight matches in the city because of the rules with respect to travelling back and forth. Five of the other six — Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Kings XI Punjab and Delhi Capitals — will each play seven matches in Dubai. Rajasthan will have to travel the most as they have three matches in Sharjah, five in Abu Dhabi and six in Dubai. However, Rajasthan will be one of the last teams to take the field on September 22, which potentially will allow them to field England and Australia players, who form their core. Kolkata, who have the likes of Eoin Morgan, Tom Banton and Pat Cummins in their ranks, will play their first game on September 23.

Though the BCCI has mentioned that the schedule is subject to change in case there is a rise in Covid-19 cases once the tournament begins, it is not clear how it will manage. Even the standard operating procedure put in by the BCCI doesn't mention what happens in case a player or a support-staff of a team gets infected for coronavirus during the course of the tournament.

Covid-19 case in Delhi camp

Delhi Capitals' assistant physiotherapist, who was under mandatory quarantine, has tested positive for Covid-19 in Dubai. He had cleared the first two tests. He was yet to come in contact with the rest of DC contingent. He will spend 14 days in isolation.

Knight Riders mentor Hussey hints batting promotion for Russell

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

OF the 13 times, Andre Russell walked in to bat for Kolkata Knight Riders in the last IPL, he played as a No 6 or 7 in seven matches. He had also voiced his interest at batting higher up the order, and grabbed his chance at No 3 against Mumbai Indians, scoring 40-ball 80. That was just an one-off occasion, but things could change this season with team mentor David Hussey hinting about promotion for the Jamaican.

There are certain things, which work in the all-rounder's favour. Allowing him to bat at three would mean Russell will have more time to bat, which could result in Kolkata putting a huge total on board. Last season, despite batting in the lower order on most matches, he finished as the top-scorer for Kolkata with 510 runs at a strike rate of 204 and an average of 56.66.

KKR all-rounder Andre Russell

"If it (Russell's promotion) benefits the team and helps us win matches, why not? If that means Andre Russell comes to bat at number three, and bat 60 balls, he might make a double hundred. Anything can happen with Russell. He is a fantastic player and he is probably the heartbeat of the team. We have well balanced players throughout the (batting) list, anyone can bat in any different position," said Hussey in a press conference.

His current form in the Caribbean Premier League, will also help him. Playing for Jamaica Tallawahs, though not at number three, he has looked in great form, scoring three half centuries in his last four outings. Besides, he will come into the tournament with some good competitive matches under his belt. The same can be said for players like Tom Banton, Pat Cummins and Eoin Morgan, who are playing in the Australia-England T20I series presently.

In fact, if one considers form as a criteria for selection, England opener Banton has caught the eyeballs with solid show in the recently concluded T20I series against Pakistan. He had scores of 46, 20 and 71. Earlier, in his maiden Big Bash League, he managed 223 runs with a strike rate in excess of 170. "Tom Banton, what a player! He takes the game on. He is probably the new version or the better version of Kevin Pietersen, I believe," Hussey said.

With such players in their ranks, they look a good unit. But there are concerns regarding the domestic players in the squad, who lack experience. Barring skipper Dinesh Karthik and Kuldeep Yadav, the likes of Shubman Gill, Nitish Rana, Kamlesh Nagarkoti, Prasidh Krishna among others have not played much at the top level. But Hussey is not breaking much sweat.

"It is upto the overseas players to pass on that experience to the youngsters. I see that the youngsters are fiercely courageous, they take the game on. We have really talented fast bowlers, who execute their skills. In terms of batting, we have got some of the best young guys going around," said Hussey.

Serena posts fighting win to enter last-16

AFP @New York

SERENA Williams battled into the US Open last-16 Saturday as the tournament endured fresh controversy after New York health officials ordered the women's top doubles pairing be withdrawn over coronavirus restrictions. Williams, chasing a record-equalling 24th Grand Slam title, came from a set down to oust Sloane Stephens 2-6, 6-2, 6-2, in what she called an "intense" encounter on Arthur Ashe Stadium.

With spectators barred from this year's Flushing Meadows event due to the pandemic, second and fourth seeds Sofia Kenin and Naomi Osaka took advantage of suites they have been assigned to check out the competition. "It's cool us players can watch each other. It's interesting, I like it," said Williams, who will play 15th seed Maria Sakkari for a place in the quarterfinals. The Greek player, who stunned Williams at the Western & Southern Open last month, progressed with a 6-3, 6-1 dismantling of America's 22nd seed Amanda Anisimova.

In the men's section, Russian third seed Daniil Medvedev, Italy's sixth seed Matteo Berrettini and Andrey Rublev, all entered the last 16 with easy three-set wins.

Kerber ousted

Former World No 1 and 17th seed Angelique Kerber lost to American Jennifer Brady in the fourth round on Sunday. The German lost 1-6, 4-6 to Brady.

Global updates

Roglic takes Tour lead as Pogacar grabs stage

LARUNS (FRANCE): Slovenians took the laurels on the Tour de France on Sunday as rookie Tadej Pogacar won a Pyrenean mountain slog and his compatriot Primoz Roglic grabbed the overall lead. Overnight leader Adam Yates of Britain made a valiant effort to keep hold of the yellow jersey but fell gradually away on the final climb as the gradient hit 12 per cent. After Sunday's second-place finish, Roglic leads Ineos leader Egan Bernal of Colombia by 21 seconds. Stage 10 on Tuesday: Live on Eurosport from 5pm.

Buttler stars as Eng beat Oz to clinch T20I series

SOUTHAMPTON: Jos Buttler made 77 not out as England beat Australia by six wickets for a series-clinching win in the second T20I at Southampton. Victory saw England take an unbeatable 2-0 lead in a three-match contest and they will replace Australia at the top of the global T20 standings with another win at Southampton on Tuesday. England, set 158 to win, reached the target with seven balls to spare.

Brief scores: Australia 157/7 in 20 overs (Finch 40, Stoinis 35; Jordon 2/40) **lost to** England 158/4 in 18.5 overs (Buttler 77 n.o; Agar 2/27).

Now, Aware Covid positive; Deepak allowed to go home

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

EVEN as Deepak Punia got discharged from the SAI empanelled hospital in Sonepat, another wrestler, Rahul Aware, tested positive for Covid-19 and was admitted at the same facility on Sunday. The national camp for the senior men's squad, however, will continue despite four grapplers returning positive since the commencement of the camp on September 1. Earlier, Punia (86kg), Navin (65kg) and Krishan (125kg) had tested positive.

"Freestyle wrestler Aware (57kg), who had reported to the ongoing camp at SAI Sonepat on September 4 and was given SAI's mandatory Covid-19 RT-PCR test on arrival, has tested positive for the virus. As per protocol, Aware has now been shifted to a SAI empanelled hospital as a precautionary measure and for further monitoring," said a SAI statement.

The statement also added that the Maharashtra wrestler has been in quarantine since his arrival at the camp and didn't come in contact with any other athlete or staff members.

Interestingly, Aware, who was conferred Arjuna Award on August 29 during a virtual ceremony, tested negative for virus during the rehearsal organised a couple of days before the function. He attended the function in Pune.

"The camp will continue as the wrestlers didn't contract virus at the facility. They reached there and were tested upon their arrival. A few of them were found to be positive while others are serving a mandatory quarantine period. It will not make any sense if they are asked to leave now," Vinod Tomar, assistant secretary of the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI), told this daily.

Meanwhile, Deepak, the Olympic-bound grappler, confirmed to this daily that he has reached his village, Chhara in Haryana's Jhajjar district, to serve the quarantine period.

"The trio underwent CT scans. While Deepak's report shows no damage to lungs, reports of Navin and Krishan were not satisfactory. Deepak has been discharged while the two will now undergo another CT scan a couple of days later to assess their condition," Tomar said.

The grapplers were asymptomatic when they tested positive. "I don't have symptoms even now. I reached my village and will serve quarantine period here," said Deepak.

The week that was

With the first week complete at the US Open, here's a look at some of the talking points...

LACK OF CLARITY OVER BIO-BUBBLE

After Benoit Paire was removed from the draw after he tested positive, 11 people who were in 'close contact' were put in a bubble within a bubble. But the rules keep changing with respect to what these 11 are allowed to do. While Adrian Mannarino was allowed to play, Kristina Mladenovic was removed from her doubles match and placed in quarantine by the health department.

YOUNG TURKS MAKE IT COUNT

Of the 16 men's players remaining in the fourth round, 10 are aged 24 or under. Obviously, the absence of Roger Federer, Rafa Nadal and Stan Wawrinka has helped, but the next generation is belatedly catching up. Could this be the start of a new trend or a one off in a unique Slam? Time will tell.

ALL EYES ON SERENA

Serena Williams has been here before, in her quest for No 24. Her comeback win against former winner Sloane Stephens on Saturday night proves she still has it in her to defy the critics. On Monday, she faces a different challenge in 15th seed Maria Sakkari.

Austria's Dominic Thiem serves to Marin Cilic of Croatia, during their third-round tie. Thiem won 6-2, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3

"I felt a little bit flat. It's normal, it's really late, (and) without the crowd. I still have to raise my level if I want to go deeper."

Dominic Thiem, World No 3

AZARENKA, PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT

Victoria Azarenka has not enjoyed her tennis like this in a long, long time. Since reaching Round 4 at Wimbledon in 2017, she has mostly been conquered in the opening rounds. Yet, here she is, one match away from the quarterfinals (last time she played in the last 8 was in Australia in 2016).

BOPANNA, SHAPOVALOV IN LAST EIGHT

Rohan Bopanna and Denis Shapovalov advanced into the last eight in the men's doubles. The sixth seeds Kevin Krawietz and Andreas Mies won the first set but the former held firm to win the match 4-6, 6-4, 6-3. They will face Netherlands' Jean-Julien Rojer and Romania's Horia Tecau.

SELECT RESULTS (ROUND 3, SINGLES)

Men: Thiem (AUT x2) bt Cilic (CRO x31) 6-2, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3, Tiafoe (USA) bt Fucsovics 6-2, 6-3, 6-2, Auger Aliassime (CAN x15) bt Moutet (FRA) 6-1, 6-0, 6-4. **Women:** Kenin (USA x2) bt Jabeur (TUN x27) 7-6 (4), 6-3, Serena (USA x3) bt Stephens (USA x26) 2-6, 6-2, 6-2, Cornet (FRA) bt Keys (USA x7) 7-6 (4), 3-2 retd.
Round 4: Kerber (GERx17) lost to Bardy (USAx28) 1-6, 4-6.

EXPRESS READ

Anil Jain elected as AITA president

CHENNAI: Anil Jain has been elected as the new president of the All India Tennis Association (AITA) at the body's annual general meeting (AGM) on Sunday. Jain, a Rajya Sabha MP, had served AITA as a vice president from 2016-20.

Bowler uses sanitiser on ball, suspended

LONDON: Australia-born English first-class cricketer Mitch Claydon has been suspended by his county side Sussex for allegedly applying hand sanitiser on the ball. The right-arm medium pacer has been accused of applying hand sanitiser in a match against Middlesex last month in which he took three wickets.

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Eyeing Thomas & Uber Cup, 26 shuttlers to camp in Hyderabad

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

KEEPING in mind the upcoming Thomas and Uber Cup, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) has given green light to conduct a camp for 26 elite players, a camp that was proposed by chief national coach Pullela Gopichand on behalf of the Badminton Association of India (national governing body). The preparatory camp will commence from September 7th until September 27th at the Pullela Gopichand Badminton Academy in Hyderabad. The Thomas and Uber Cup is scheduled to be held in Aarhus, Denmark from October 3-11.

All players will be put up at the academy itself. This means the

Lakshya Sen

likes of Ashwini Ponnappa and Lakshya Sen, who'll be coming from Bengaluru, will be using the facilities. Ashwini, Lakshya and some of the other youngsters included in the preparatory camp had been training at the Prakash Padukone Badminton Academy (PPBA) in Bengaluru. They are expected to reach Hyderabad soon. Former national coach U Vimal Kumar, who's a coach at PPBA, welcomed SAI's move. "Everybody is in the same boat (no competitive action for some time). The camp will be a big opportunity for players. Maybe, the coaches will put them through match sort of situation and I feel it should be okay," Vimal said.

The Thomas and Uber Cup will mark the return of elite-level international meets after a gap of over 200 days. Vimal felt matches are the only route for certain players to find their bearings. "You can train as much as you want, but the competitions are totally different. Players can get into the groove only by playing matches. Certain players can get going from the word go, but there are others who take two or three tournaments to get into that mode."

Saina Nehwal and Parupalli Kashyap, who had been training on their own, will also be joining the camp. Kidambi Srikanth, B Sai Praneeth and N Sikki Reddy have been training at the facility for some time now. The camp will include seven coaches, four support staff members and three sparring partners. "I'm happy that SAI and BAI have been proactive in ensuring that sporting activities can start," Gopichand was quoted as saying in the SAI release.

All incoming players will have to undergo RT-PCR test for Covid-19 before they travel to Hyderabad and will only be allowed once they produce Covid-19 negative certificate.

Scientists from Northwestern University have developed a battery-free hand-held game console or 'Game Boy' that harvests energy from the user to allow infinite gameplay.

A study in *Behavioural and Cognitive Psychotherapy* suggests early treatment is vital to avoid long-term mental health impact due to Covid-19 on children.

558 mammal species could go extinct by 2100: Study

BIODIVERSITY LOSS

LONDON: By 2100, the number of mammal species going extinct globally is likely to reach 558 if conservation efforts are not stepped up, researchers have predicted. For all the mammal species that have gone extinct so far, humans are almost entirely to be blamed, said the study published in the journal Science Advances.

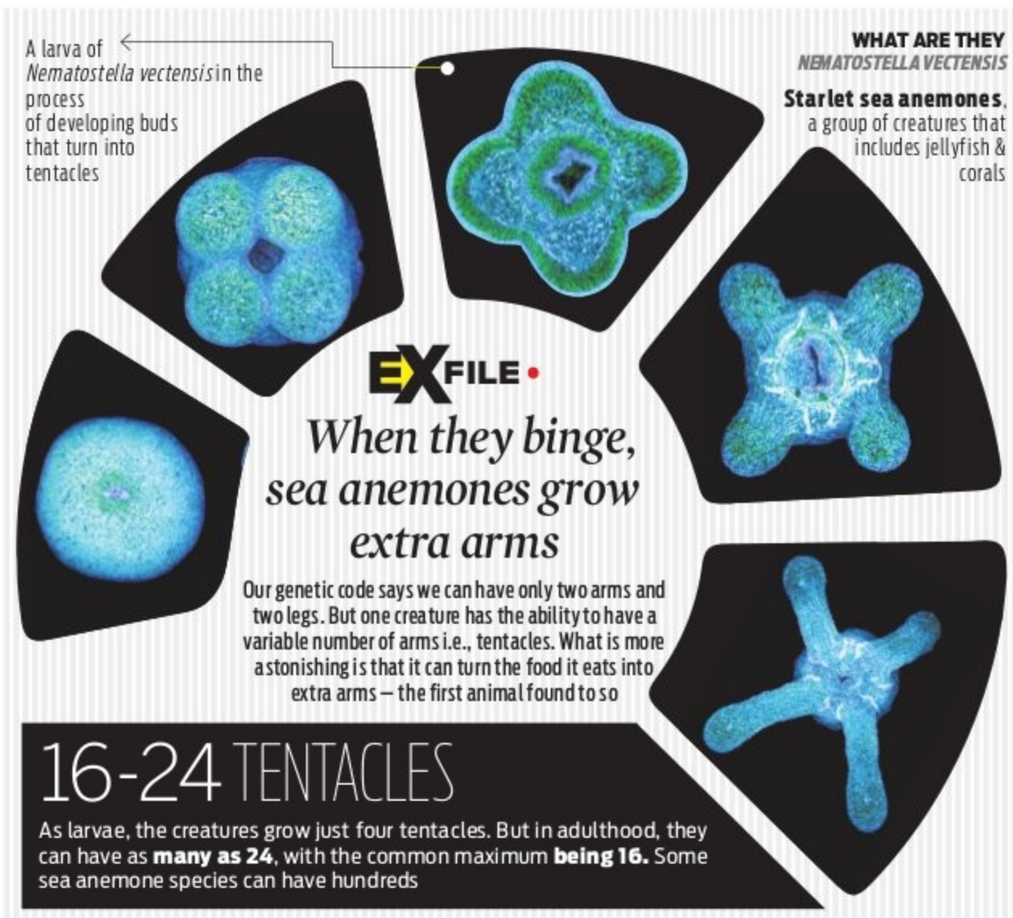
"On the basis of the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature)-based scenario, we predict 558 mammal species' extinctions globally by the year 2100," the study authors wrote.

"We are losing biodiversity every year, and with every extinct species and population, we lose unique evolutionary history," they wrote.

The current diversity of mammals consists of approximately 5,700 extant species. At least 351 mammal species have gone extinct over the past 126,000 years.

Out of them, 80 are known from historical reports since the year 1500, while all others are only known from fossil or zooarcheological records.

For the study, Tobias Andermann from University of Gothenburg in Sweden and his colleagues applied mathematical procedures that apply probabilities to statistical problems to the fossil records to estimate how mammalian extinction rates have changed over the past 126,000 years, inferring specific times of rate increases. Based on current trends, the researchers predicted for the near future a rate escalation of "unprecedented magnitude."



Mystery seed deliveries to US from China spark worry

Amazon bans sales after 1000s of suspicious, unsolicited packets make their way into hands of residents in the US, UK and Canada

INVASIVE SPECIES?

SEATTLE: Amazon has banned sales of imported seeds in the United States after thousands of Americans said they had received suspicious packets of seeds they had not ordered, mostly from China.

People in the US, UK and Canada have received through mail seeds they did not order, the *Wall Street Journal* reported on Sunday. The shipments were often marked as other goods such as jewelry or toys.

In late July the Department of Agriculture reported that packages of seeds had been sent to Americans and warned not to plant them, in case they posed a danger to US agriculture.

American officials are worried the seeds could allow invasive species, weeds, pests or diseases to take hold in the United States, the *Journal* said.

Osama El-Lissy, a deputy administrator for the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, told the *Journal* that the USDA has got nearly 20,000 reports of seed recipients and had collected about 9,000 packages as of Wednesday. The agency has examined about 2,500 of them.

"Mr. El-Lissy said the USDA has identified several seeds of noxious weeds, called dodder and water spinach. The agency has also found diseases known to occur in China, called pospiviroid and spindle tuber viroid, in seeds, as well as a few pests of significance: an immature wasp and a larval seed beetle," the newspaper said.

The seeds could be invasive, introduce diseases to plants, or be harmful to animals, the Washington State Department of Agriculture said | WSDA, FACEBOOK

The US Department of Agriculture has said, "At this time, we don't have any evidence indicating this is something other than a 'brushing scam' where people receive unsolicited items from a seller who then posts false customer reviews to boost sales."

Amazon, however, has rejected the notion of a brushing scam and said the seed deliveries were genuine orders.

The company has told foreign sellers that from September 3 it will not allow the import of plant or seed products. Amazon will block the import of seeds into the US as well as the sale of seeds with the US by those not living in the country, the e-commerce giant said in a statement.

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Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA)

Examination of the mystery packages revealed at least 14 different kinds of seeds, including mint, mustard, rosemary, lavender, hibiscus and roses.

In August, authorities in Scotland warned people not to plant unsolicited packets of seeds that hundreds of Britons got in the mail. "It is important not to open these packages and that these seeds are not planted or composted as it is possible they could be carrying plant pests or diseases that are a harmful risk to our plant life and the environment," Gerry Saddler, chief plant health officer for Scotland, told the *BBC*.

The online trade in seeds is an established practice, sellers in China and elsewhere in Asia told the *Journal*.

Covid-19 syndrome in kids can severely damage hearts

MIS-C

HOUSTON: An inflammatory syndrome in children, believed to be linked to COVID-19, could damage their heart to such an extent that some kids may need lifelong monitoring and interventions, according to a review of studies.

The research, published in the journal EClinicalMedicine, assessed more than 600 case studies of multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C), revealing that the condition can strike seemingly healthy children without warning three or four weeks after asymptomatic COVID-19 infections.

"Children might have no symptoms, no one knew they had the disease, and a few weeks later, they may develop this exaggerated inflammation in the body," said study co-author Alvaro Moreira from The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio in the United States.

In the study, the scientists reviewed 662 MIS-C cases reported worldwide between January 1 and July 25, and found that 71 per cent of the children were admitted to the intensive care unit (ICU).

According to the literature, children did not need to exhibit the classic upper respiratory symptoms of Covid-19 to develop MIS-C, which is frightening

Alvaro Moreira, study co-author from The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

They said 60 per cent of the kids exhibited an aggravated immune response with an average length of stay in the hospital of 7.9 days.

According to the scientists, all the 662 children had fever, and 73.7 per cent had abdominal pain or diarrhea, with 68.3 per cent suffering from vomiting.

They said 90 per cent had an echocardiogram (EKG) heart scan, which found that 54 per cent of the results were abnormal.

The study noted that more than a fifth of the children required mechanical ventilation, and 11 children died.

"This is a new childhood disease that is believed to be associated with SARS-CoV-2," Moreira said.

"It can be lethal because it affects multiple organ systems. Whether it be the heart and the lungs, the gastrointestinal system or the neurologic system, it has so many different faces that initially it was challenging for clinicians to understand," he added.

The researchers noted that the amount of inflammation in MIS-C surpasses two similar pediatric conditions showing aggravated immune response -- Kawasaki disease and toxic shock syndrome.

FLOWER CHILDREN

Two boys collect water lilies from a pond to sell later in Nadia district, West Bengal, on Saturday | PTI

AR glasses with 'auditory superpowers'

AUGMENTED REALITY

SAN FRANCISCO: Facebook has unveiled a new prototype of Augmented Reality (AR) glasses that amplify what the wearer aims to hear and silence everything else around.

According to a report in The Next Web, the AR headset gives users "perceptual superpowers".

One prototype device is equipped with headphones and microphones that capture surrounding sounds.

"It then tracks the movements of the user's head and eye movement to work out what they're trying to hear. This headset then enhances the sounds the user's focused on, and turns the volume down on everything else," according to the report.

The company has renamed its augmented reality/virtual reality team as Facebook Reality Labs as it starts building the next-gen platform.

Don't gossip, it's worse than Covid-19: Pope

ON THE SLY

VATICAN CITY: Pope Francis said Sunday that gossiping is a "plague worse than COVID" that is seeking to divide the Catholic Church.

Francis strayed from his prepared text to double down on his frequent complaint about gossiping within church communities and even within the Vatican bureaucracy. Francis didn't give specifics during his weekly blessing, but went on at some length to say the devil is the "biggest gossiper" who is seeking to divide the church with his lies.

"Please brothers and sisters, let's try to not gossip," he said. "Gossip is a plague worse than Covid. Worse. Let's make a big effort: No gossiping!"

Francis' comments came as he elaborated on a Gospel passage about the need to correct others privately when they do something wrong. The Catholic hierarchy has long relied on this "fraternal correction" among priests and bishops.

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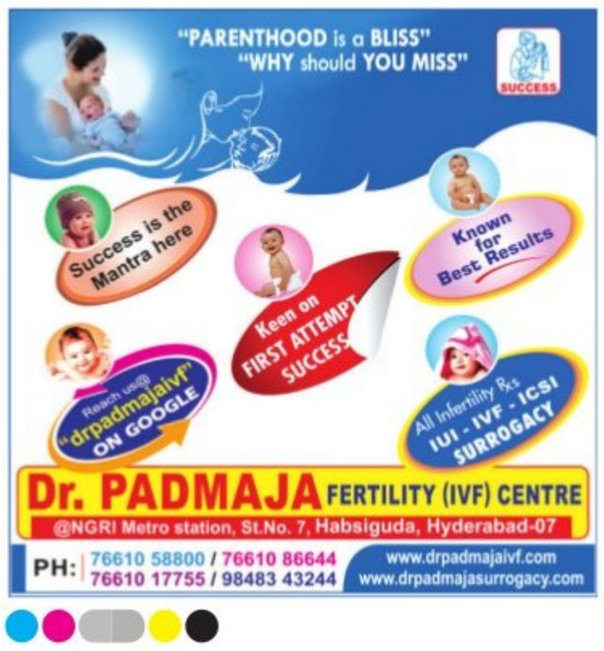

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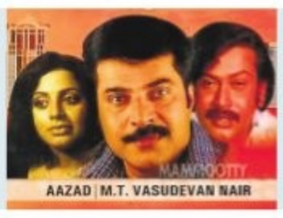
Happy birthday

Indian film actor and producer best known for his work in Malayalam cinema, Mammootty was born on this day in 1953

LAWYER TURNED ACTOR

In a career spanning over four decades, he has acted in over 350 films. Mammootty was a lawyer by profession. He got his first role when he was in high school as a junior artist in *Anubhavangal Paalichakal*



AAZAD | M.T. VASUDEVAN NAIR

CAREER BEGINNINGS

His professional film career began in 1979, when he played his first lead role in *Devalokam*, However, it never released. *Vilkanundu Swapnangal* is considered his debut

A RARE FEAT

From 1982 to 1986 he acted in more than 150 films as the hero. During this period, he managed to appear as the hero in 35 movies released in a single year, 1986

Power star to resume shoot for Yuvarathnaa

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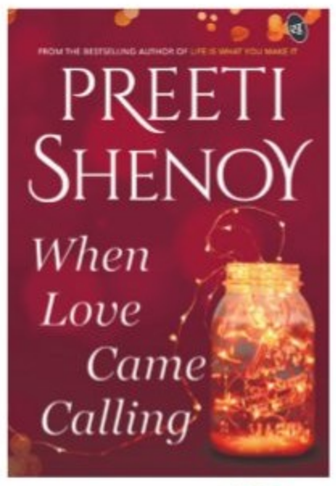
PLOTTING POINTS

Preeti Shenoy's new book may be fresh off the press but the Bengaluru-based writer's pen is already overflowing with words for her next one

Simran Ahuja

If it weren't for the coronavirus pandemic, Preeti Shenoy's new book would have hit bookshelves in April this year. But with the publishing industry, like many others, getting adversely affected due to the outbreak, the Bengaluru-based author had no choice but to wait some months before she could publish her latest work, *When Love Came Calling*. The wait, however, has not affected the love fans have for the author's work. "I'm already getting requests for a sequel!," beams Shenoy, who has previously penned *The Rule Breakers, Life Is What You Make It and Wake Up, Life Is Calling.*



Her latest book was released last month and follows the journeys of two young adults – confused but fiery Puja and studious yet shy Arush – as they volunteer, and fall in love, in rural Kerala. If the characters sound relatable, it is because they are indeed inspired by people Shenoy has come across in her own life. For instance, Arush's perfectionism and love for animals are traits Shenoy borrowed from her own daughter and son, respectively. "I think the book is standing out for the right reasons. It isn't just a lovestory, the focus is on building a relationship with your self and family. So it's heartening to have my readers tell me they are sharing the book with their parents," says the 48-year-old.

This, however, was not the only contribution her children made. The book cover as well as some of the illustrations in the chapter titles were made by Shenoy's daughter, who also proved to be a dedicated reviewer from the beginning. "She was interning with a media company? in Singapore while I was writing the book. Every day, I'd wait for her to call me during her lunch break and we would discuss every new bit I added to the book. Her enthusiasm definitely kept me motivated too," says Shenoy, who put in a lot of legwork to research for her book, travelling to places in Kerala like Edakkal Caves, Wayanad and Mattancherry.

Shenoy spent the lockdown months of March, April and May away from books but continued to write for herself. A 21-day positivity project she started then will soon translate into a full-fledged book. Besides this, she has been pursuing her other interests too: Growing vegetables, weight training and cycling. "It helps me stay sane so this lockdown was the fittest I have ever been," says the Whitefield resident.

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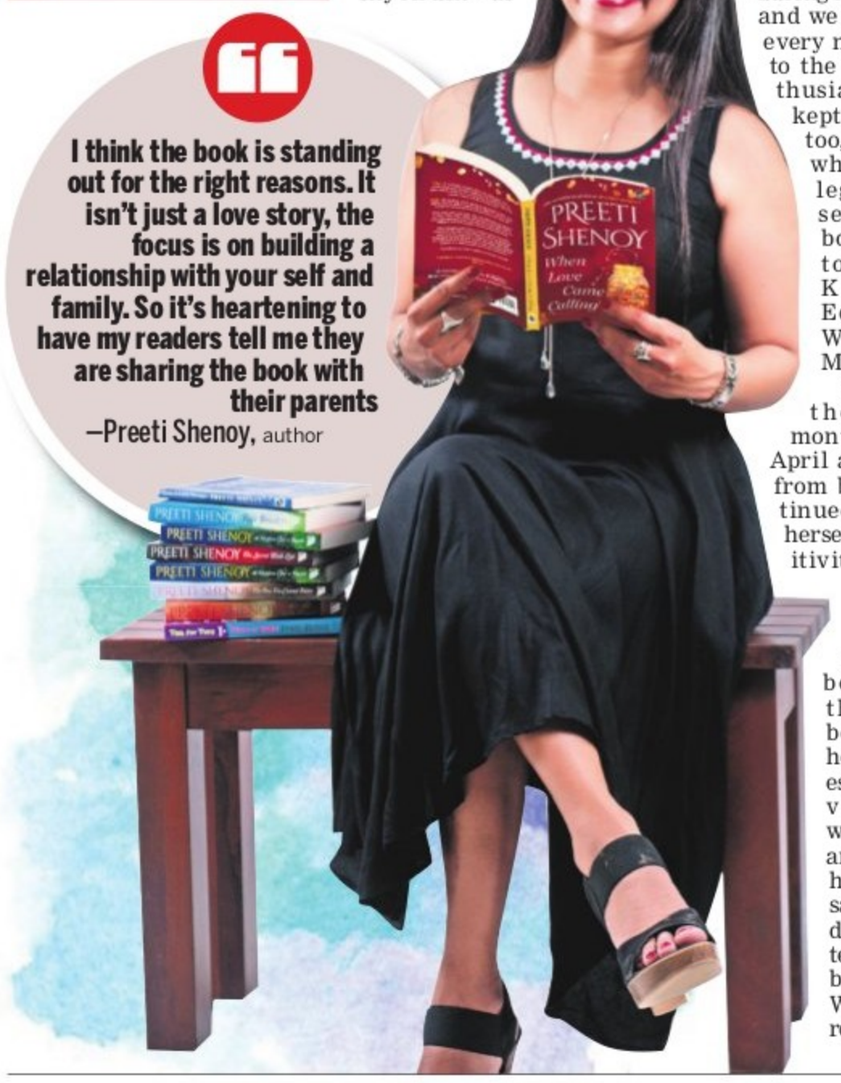
—Preeti Shenoy, author



Batting for wildlife

The award-winning photo capturing a Greater Short-nosed Fruit Bat in the city

Vidya Iyengar

When the Nipah virus infection broke out in 2018, electrical engineer Yashpal Rathore, who has been photographing wildlife for 12 years, decided to document bats in the urban landscape. With the flying mammals getting associated with various diseases, including Covid-19, Rathore felt there was a need to dispel these "negative thoughts" around the creature.

His submission of a photograph capturing a bat frozen in flight against the urban sprawl of Bengaluru has won him the top honour of Nature inFocus Photograph of the Year in the Wildscape & Animals In Habitat category. The competition is organised by Rohit, who hung up his corporate boots to pursue photography and wildlife, which led to the creation of the award, and Kalyan Varma, who has won awards such as BBC Wildlife Photographer of the Year and Sanctuary Asia Photographer of the Year.

Rathore captured this particular image in February this year at HRBR Layout, close to his place of residence. His picture focuses on a Greater Short-nosed Fruit Bat dropping out of a Singapore Cherry tree on the walkway of a busy street, against the headlamp streak of a speeding vehicle, and the neon lights of business hoardings. "The long-exposure shot captures the dynamism of urban life. The city has seen these nocturnal winged mammals adapt to the chaos of the urban environment. Though vilified by the human population, bats play a vital role in our ecosystem," says Rathore, who used a laser trigger and low-powered flashlights to freeze the bat in its flight. He received a cash prize of 150,000.

"In the last few years, any new outbreak of a virus has left people blaming bats. A deep mistrust regarding these animals has resurfaced, after some theories traced the origin of the novel coronavirus to bats. Even if virus is being reported from a couple of species, all the species have now become a point of target," says Rathore.

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—Yashpal Rathore, photographer

As a nature photographer, he took on the challenge to portray bats in better light. "My win is an example that it is not necessary that we have to be at an exotic location to photograph a rare species, to make an award-winning entry. It's about finding something interesting in an ordinary place. It's all about how you capture and not what you capture that will make the difference," says the 47-year-old.

The offline annual Nature inFocus Festival had to be skipped this year due to the ongoing pandemic, and the five-member jury along with jury curator and Kalyan presented the winning images live on YouTube. Submissions for this year's awards closed on May 31 and received about 14,000 images from over 1,600 competing photographers from around the world, including Sweden, Saudi Arabia, and United Kingdom.

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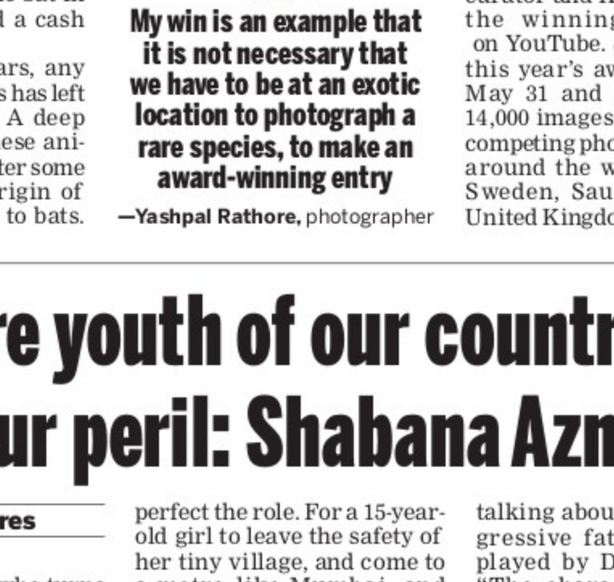
Ignore youth of our country at your peril: Shabana Azmi

Express Features

Shabana Azmi, who turns 70 this month, has barely taken a breather since she first burst on the scene in Shyam Benegal's *Ankur* in 1974. The five-time National Award winner, whose career graph includes acclaimed roles in arthouse and mainstream cinema, recently turned presenter for her brother Baba Azmi's directorial debut, *Mee Raqsam* (streaming on Zee5). In the latest edition of Time Pass, a series of webinars organised by *The New Indian Express* group, she discussed the film and its politics with senior journalist Kaveree Bamzai.

Shabana shared that her brother had auditioned hundreds of girls from across the country before finding Aditi Subedi (who plays Mariam, a young Muslim girl who wants to become a dancer). "Aditi, who is originally from Mijwan (the village in Uttar Pradesh where the film is set), had never faced the camera before, and didn't know the basics of Bharatanatyam. But she worked hard for three months to perfect the role. For a 15-year-old girl to leave the safety of her tiny village, and come to a metro like Mumbai, and keep herself open to the intense training... I think it epitomises the youth of our country. They are full of intent and talent, and are prowling for opportunities. We ignore them at our own peril. The film is about empowering them," she said.

Shabana also touched upon the concept of masculinity and the toxicity attached to that word in our society, while talking about the film's progressive father character, played by Danish Husain. "The character of Salim, played by Danish, has been written and directed as a nurturer — a father who can be both a dad and a mom to his daughter, someone who lends unwavering support to his girl's desire. This is a role many men in our country don't see for themselves. Why can't masculinity be also about empathy and understanding?," she said.



Shabana also revealed that the film is a tribute to their father, acclaimed Urdu poet Kaifi Azmi, who, she said, was very much a nurturer. "He gave us endless hope and confidence. He once told us to shoot a film in Mijwan, his birth village. It was impossible to fulfill his wish back then. So we decided to shoot *Mee Raqsam* there and launched the film last year, to mark our father's birth centenary. Also, that I have been working in Mijwan for the empowerment of the girl child for nearly two decades helped," she said.

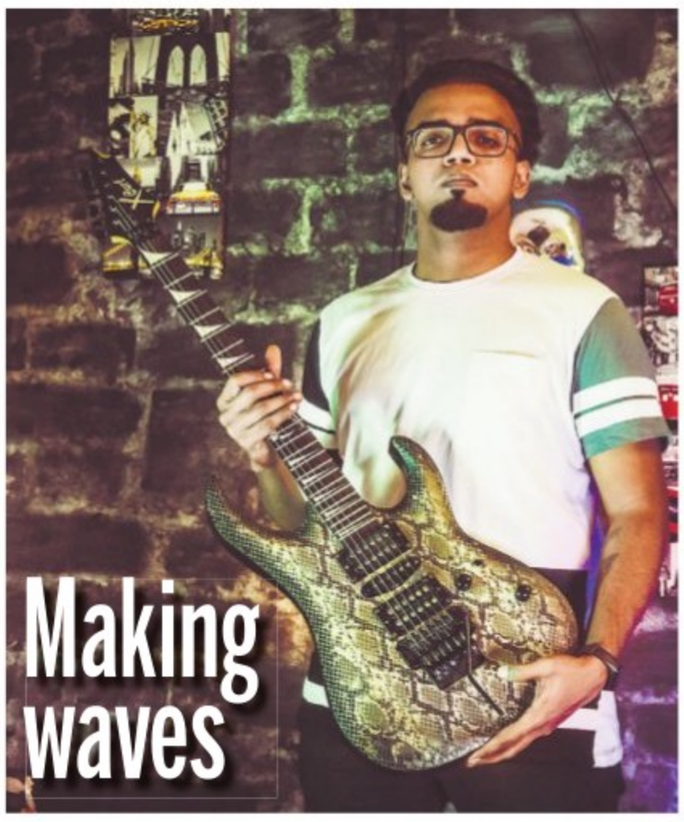
Making waves

Simran Ahuja

What if every phase in your life were to be likened to a wave? Would you be able to stand at a distance and watch the tides rise and fall? Or would you be swept away? Musician **Saravana Gowtham** captures a similar emotion in his new single called *A Distant Wave*. Scheduled to be out on Sept. 11, the instrumental post rock single features no vocals at all.

"If you pay close attention, it's like my guitar is singing. It's just not lyrics but a melody instead," says the city-based musician, who hails from Coimbatore. Explaining the idea behind this single, he says, "All the things we go through are like waves – some high, some low. And I'm used to acting according to these things but through this song, I want to explore the concept of just being an observer. Can we all wait for the wave to ebb and flow naturally before we react to something?"

Besides his solo project, Gowtham also plays the guitar for the band The Sahej Project, and undertakes bass duties for Prime Rage and Verses. The former, however, focuses entirely on instrumental music, with his previous track, Lost Light, and upcoming EP of 4-5 tracks, also falling under the same kind of creations. "Songs with just instruments can be just as good as those with vocals. For instance, symphony orchestras also don't have vocals but are loved by many. You can convey emotions through just instruments as well," says the 26-year-old, who works out of his home studio on Bannerghatta Road.



Writing an instrumental single takes Gowtham 2-3 weeks. Like any vocalist, he too begins with mulling over the emotion he wants the song to convey, which can often prove to be a challenge. "IF you want to sing about love, there are so many words you can use. But it's not the same with an instrumental track," he explains. Writing the guitar portions and programming the drums takes 2-3 days each, and the most important part comes after this. "I have to let the melody breathe for a week. After my break, I listen to it again and finetune till I'm satisfied with it."

The new single's mixing and mastering was done by Hreedish Kakoty and the accompanying video's cinematography and videography is by Shaunak Bordoloi. "But the writing and video editing was mine. In a way, you can call this a DIY project," says Gowtham, who is hoping to release his EP by early 2021.

QUICK FIX

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

VENDHAYA KUZHAMBU

INGREDIENTS

- **Shallots:** 100 gm
- **Tomato:** 1
- **Garlic:** 5 pods
- **Tamarind paste:** 2 spoons
- **Coriander seeds:** 1 spoon
- **Fenugreek seeds:** 1/4 spoon+ 1/2 spoon
- **Raw rice:** 1/2 spoon
- **Red chillies:** 3-4
- **Curry leaves:** 1 sprig
- **Turmeric powder:** a pinch
- **Sesame oil:** 2-3 spoons
- **Mustard:** 1/2 spoon
- **Salt** as required

METHOD

- In a pan, fry coriander seeds, fenugreek seeds, raw rice and red chillies. Grind them into a fine powder.
- Now, in the pan, pour oil. Temper mustard, fenugreek seeds (1/2 spoon), red chilli (1) and curry leaves.
- Add shallots, and garlic. After a while, add tomato and cook well.
- Add ground masala powder and stir well. Then add tamarind paste, salt, and turmeric. Stir well continuously till oil leaves the kuzhambu.
- Serve with hot rice with sesame oil poured over it.

– by Anu Rajagopal

DOTS & DESIGNS

FLOWER RANGOLI

- This is a dotted kolam with just 7-4 dots.
- Dots are placed wide apart to make a bigger rangoli.
- First join the dots with white kolam powder to draw flowers, buds and leaves.
- Now, spread orange colour for the flowers and give red shading in the centre.
- Now, draw white outline for the flowers and draw the anther part.
- Repeat the same for the buds as well.
- Next, shade the leaves with dark green colour and draw the veins of the leaves with light green colour, thus giving a natural look. Give a white outline for this too.
- Make a tiny design of your choice around the centre dot of the rangoli.

- If you want a more elaborate rangoli, you can give a background to this rangoli by spreading a bottom layer of colour(s) and draw the whole thing on top of it, which will look like a beautiful carpet.

– by Thilagalakshmi Sridharan rangoli

BRIGHT SPOT

A 'DRIVING' FORCE

Taxi driver Reji Thoppileth's philanthropic heart has helped scores of lives. In the past 25 years, he has helped build 27 houses for the underprivileged alongside providing funds for education and healthcare to families who are struggling to make ends meet. He has been networking with well-wishers in India and abroad. During his trips he notices houses that are half-built or are on the verge of falling apart, and helps rebuild them. Along with his contributions, Reji collects funds from others to build these houses and takes care of finding labourers and sourcing raw materials for the construction. He documents all the money he receives from well-wishers and sends them copies of bills and invoices once the money is spent. During the lockdown, Reji has been providing ₹5,000 per month to four families.

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FIT BIT

HAMSASANA (SWAN POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'hamsa' means 'swan', and 'asana means 'pose'. It is an intermediate-level hand balancing pose, which requires arm and shoulder strength. As the legs extend back, the abdomen rests on the elbows and balances the body. It is similar to a preparatory posture for Mayurasana (peacock pose), except that this is an advanced posture in which the feet are lifted off the ground. With its focus on the navel region, it activates and balances the Manipura (Solar plexus) chakra, which is transformative, boosts confidence, self-esteem and personal power. With its balance, the yogi is self-motivated, his/her goals are clear, and develops strong decision-making skills.

STEPS

- Kneel on the floor with your knees slightly apart.
- Now, bend forward and place your palms on the floor. Your thumbs should touch each other and the fingers point forward.
- Bend your elbows and keep your forearms together. Rest your diaphragm on your elbows and your chest on the back of the upper arms.
- Stretch your legs straight one by one and keep them together.
- Exhale, swing the trunk forward, bear the body weight on your wrists and hands, raise your legs off the floor and keep them stretched behind.
- Maintain balance in this position without holding your breath for as long as you can. Your forearms will not remain perpendicular to the floor due to the pressure on the wrists.
- It is hard to balance in this asana. As the diaphragm is being pressed, breathing will be hard and laboured. Your forearms don't bear the weight of the body as in Mayurasana.
- Now, exhale and rest your head and toes on the floor. Place your knees on the floor by the side of your hands, take the weight of the body off your elbows, raise your hands and head from the floor and relax.

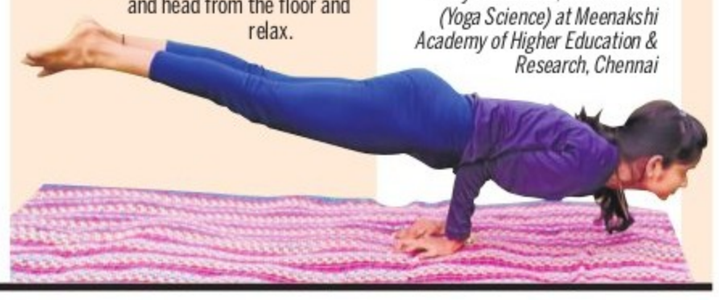
BENEFITS

- Tones abdominal region, as the pressure is on the elbows against the abdominal aorta.
- Aids in blood circulation in the abdominal organs.
- Improves digestive power and prevents the accumulation of toxins.
- Strengthens the elbows, forearms and wrists.
- Removes excess fat.
- Stretches the hips.
- Increases energy and improves focus and concentration.

LIMITATIONS

- If you have hypertension and hernia, avoid it.
- Women who are trying to get pregnant must avoid.
- Those having hip, lower back, ankle, pelvic or knee pain should modify the pose.
- Those with recent ligament tears and sprain, avoid.
- People who are overweight or obese must be extra careful.

– by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai



SOUND BOARD

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Hosted by Cole Cuchna, Dissect examines a single album per season, forensically dissecting the music, lyrics, and meaning of one song per episode.
- On Apple Podcast

SIMPLY KEN - HOSTED BY KENNY SEBASTIAN

Stand-up comedian Kenny Sebastian is known for his observational humour and quirky stage presence. He talks about tackling the weekly conflicts of a comedian.
- On Spotify

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Actor Salil Acharya speaks to some interesting people from the world of Bollywood, sports, politics and pop culture. This podcast presents engaging conversations.
- On Spotify

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Journalist Guy Raz dives into the stories behind some of the world's best-known companies, weaves a narrative journey about innovators, entrepreneurs and idealists, and the movements they built.
- On Google Podcast

CONAN O' BRIEN NEEDS A FRIEND

Conan O'Brien Needs a Friend is a weekly opportunity for the television host to hang out with the people he enjoys most, and finds some real friendship along the way.
- On Stitcher

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

MUNGARU MALE 2

Preetham, the son of Suryakanth, a millionaire, easily gets bored when it comes to relationships. He understands love after he meets Nandini.
- Cast: Ganesh, Neha Shetty, V. Ravichandran

MR. AND MRS. RAMACHARI

Ramachari and Divya fall in love after the former saves her from a group of bullies in their college. However, they part ways when Divya begins to question his behaviour, trust and way of life.
- Cast: Yash, Radhika Pandit

PUTTARAJU LOVER OF SHASHIKALA

Puttaraju tries everything to woo his classmate, Shashikala, but she has to leave school after her father gets transferred to Shivamogga.
- Cast: Amith Gowda, Jayashree Aradhya

THALAPATHI

Surya fights for the rights of the poor. However, he becomes friends with Deva who hires him as his commander and changes his life completely.
- Cast: Mammootty, Rajnikanth, Arvind Swamy, Bhanupriya

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1 WHY CAN'T WE GET POWER FROM WAVES?
The ocean is covered with literal waves of energy, and if we could convert this energy into electricity, we could power all of humanity's electrical needs. But for now, that's just a dream. MinuteEarth dives into why we haven't been able to harness the power of waves.

2 THE CHASM | THINK LIKE A CODER, EP 6
This is episode 6 of our animated series "Think Like A Coder." This 10-episode narrative follows a girl, Ethic, and her robot companion, Hedge, as they attempt to save the world. The two embark on a quest to collect three artifacts and must solve their way through a series of programming puzzles.

3 WHAT HAPPENED WHEN WE TESTED THOUSANDS OF ABANDONED RAPE KITS IN DETROIT BY KYM WORTHY
In 2009, 11,341 untested rape kits – some dating back to the 1980s – were found in an abandoned warehouse. In this powerful, eye-opening talk, Worthy explains how her office helped develop an innovative program to track and test these kits – and calls for a national effort to help solve the problem of stockpiled rape kits.

4 THE CHEMISTRY OF COOKIES BY STEPHANIE WARREN
You stick cookie dough into an oven and you get a plate of warm, gooey cookies. Stephanie Warren explains via basic chemistry principles how the dough spreads out, and why that intoxicating smell indicates that the cookies are ready for eating.

5 WHAT WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT EUROPE'S MUSLIM KIDS BY DEEYAH KHAN
Deeyah Khan knows what it's like to be a young person stuck between your community and your country. In this talk, the filmmaker unearths the rejection and isolation felt by many Muslim kids growing up in the West.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

ODEYA (Kannada)

Gajendra owns a transport company and also takes care of local residents, citizens and poor people with utmost care and affection. He and his four brothers lead a happy life helping the needy and protecting them from anti-social elements.
- Cast: Darshan, Sanah Thimmayyah, Yashas Surya
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

ASURAN (Tamil)

Sivasaami, a farmer, goes on the run with his family while attempting to save his son, Chidambaram, from the consequences of murdering a wealthy man.
- Cast: Dhanush, Manju Warrier, Ken Karunas
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Subscription: ₹ 129 per month

ZINDAGI MILEGI NA DOBARA (Hindi)

Friends Kabir, Imran and Arjun take a vacation in Spain before Kabir's marriage. The trip turns into an opportunity to mend fences, heal wounds, fall in love with life and combat their worst fears.
- Cast: Hrithik Roshan, Farhan Akhtar, Katrina Kaif, Abhay Deol
- Watch on: Netflix
- Subscription: ₹ 199 per month

HULIRAYA (Kannada)

A man, who grows up in the forests of Karnataka, travels to the city to find better work opportunities on his mother's insistence.
- Cast: Balu Nagendra, Divya Uruduga, Chirashree Anchan, Rakshit Shetty
- Watch on: Zee5
- Registration: ₹ 99 per month

BHALE BHALE MAGADIVOY (Telugu)

Lucky, an amnesiac scientist, is in love with Nandana, who is unaware of his condition. Things take a turn when he has to convince her parents for their marriage.
- Cast: Lavanya Tripathi, Nani, Vennela Kishore, Murli Sharma
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Subscription: ₹ 399 per year

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

C U SOON (Malayalam)

Jimmy meets Anu on an online dating website and decides to marry her. Jimmy's mother entrusts his cousin Kevin to get details about Anu. Now it's Kevin's turn to search for his cousin's fiancee who vanished without a trace, only to discover dark, shocking truths about her.
- Cast: Fahadh Faasil, Darshana Rajendran, Roshan Mathew
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Subscription: ₹ 129 per month

KAALIDAS (Tamil)

A cop, who suffers from family issues, takes up a peculiar suicide case. The plot thickens as similar cases get reported within a span of a few days.
- Cast: Bharath Srinivasan, Suresh Chandra Menon, Aadhav Kannadasan
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Subscription: ₹ 129 per month

FOREIGN

THE AFRICAN DOCTOR (French)

Seyolo Zantoko, a recent medical graduate of Congolese descent in France, struggles to integrate in a rural village, but winds up as one of the most respected doctors in the region.
- Cast: Aïssa Maïga, Marc Zinga, Médina Diarra, Bayron Lebli
- Watch on: Netflix
- Subscription: ₹ 199 per month

THE ROOKIE (English)

Jim becomes the coach of a high school baseball team and gives them a chance. The team manages to win matches under his leadership and soon they are pitched against a big league team.
- Cast: Jim Morris, Dennis Quaid, Rachel Griffiths, Angus T Jones
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Subscription: ₹ 399 per year

SUICIDE SQUAD (English)

Amanda Waller assembles a team of imprisoned supervillains to execute dangerous black ops missions. When an ancient witch threatens to destroy mankind the squad is sent to stop her.
- Cast: Margot Robbie, Jared Leto, Cara Delevingne, Will Smith
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Subscription: ₹129 per month

LOVE, GUARANTEED (English)

A lawyer takes a case against a dating web site that guarantees love, but she ends up with a much bigger win.
- Cast: Heather Graham, Rachael Leigh Cook, Damon Wayans Jr.
- Watch on: Netflix
- Subscription: ₹199 per month

Happy feet

Nishvika Naidu sure is a girl of many talents. The actor's latest post on Instagram shows her dancing to the Hindi song *Khulke Jeene Ka*. And her caption has some sound advice for those who are hesitant to let go of their inner inhibitions: "Feel free, dance your heart out! Believe you can and you're halfway there".

For the first time

Sundays are not for sleeping in for Shubra Aiyappa. The actor was up and about early as she geared up for a trek – her first in Bengaluru. She took to Instagram to chronicle her experience and the beautiful views she encountered. In the caption for the post she uploaded, she said, "My first trek in Bangalore and as u can clearly see I'm beyond excited. Definitely doing this very often."

PLAYING A PART

Twenty-three artists, 115 artworks, one show... City-based curator Sarbani Chatterjee makes an effort to help the distressed community with a fund-raising online exhibition

• Vidya Iyengar

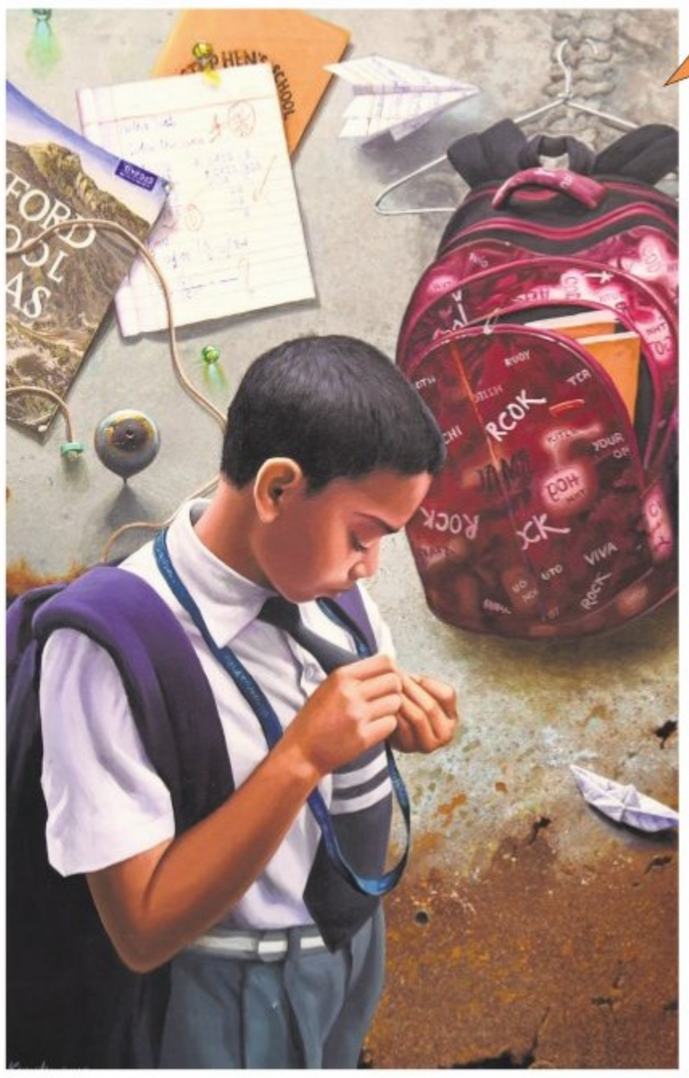
In the last couple of months, water colour artist and now curator Sarbani Chatterjee has been receiving several calls and texts from artists struggling to make ends meet. "Many of them tell me they don't have money for day-to-day expenses. The pandemic has really hit them hard," she says. Which is why Chatterjee, who runs Onkkon Art Studio in the city, decided to organise UtsavKala 2020, a platform for establishing artists, on their website.

The virtual show, which goes on till Oct. 3, 23 artists working with varied styles and media, each bringing five artworks for the exhibition. While Chatterjee would have ideally liked to have organised a live show at, probably, Chitrakala Parishath, the pandemic demanded otherwise. "My observation about the city's art scene has been that although there is a lot of talent, there's something lacking. My attempt is to put out the work of artists who are in real need to expose their work," she says. "For instance, the strokes and styles in participating artist Ayan Das' work are really thought-provoking. I want more people to see these kinds of works. I have handpicked each of the artists who will be participating," she says.

The only established artist to be participating is Dipak Kundu, who, through his works, tries to explore the concepts of psychoanalysis as theorised by Sigmund Freud. "His participation was a request from my end. I felt that his support will help the establishing artists," she says.

The works, which vary in size and media, are priced between ₹2,000 and ₹1 crore. Discussing the pricing of ₹1 crore for Dinesh Agarwal's 86x68 sq.inch abstract work, Chatterjee says, "The artist felt his hard work justified the pricing."

Twenty per cent from each artist's work will go towards struggling artists. "My next show will feature the works of those struggling artists who have benefitted from the contribution. At this point they need money to even buy basics for their work," says Chatterjee, whose art journey had a humble beginning. It was an exhibition at Chitrakala Parishath held in September last year, comprising 30 women artists, which got her career going in the city. "The idea of an online fine art exhibition grew from the onset of the pandemic. I believe in the silver lining, and hope that this exhibition will give much-needed artistic relief," she says.



DIPAK KUNDU

MILNA SAJEE

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> —Sarbani Chatterjee, founder, Onkkon Art Studio

Arundhati Ghosh

Net effect

• Express Features

Among other things, 2020 also marks the 25th anniversary of the internet as well as grant making at the India Foundation for the Arts (IFA). Call it serendipity that they discovered that the two coincide. In an unprecedented year as this one, when the Covid-19 pandemic and physical distancing has confined many to the worlds within the internet, IFA is marking the two anniversaries with a special initiative titled 25x25, which will support 25 projects.

"It's amazing that we complete 25 years of the internet in India in a year where we are also solely dependent on and imprisoned by the internet! So we have launched a grant initiative of supporting 25 projects with a sum of ₹25,000 each, in a year when we IFA ourselves just completed 25 years of grantmaking. Artists are going through a tough time during this pandemic. We hope we receive many project ideas and proposals for this initiative," says Arundhati Ghosh, executive director, IFA.

The proposals for artistic explorations have to based on the theme of how the internet has impacted every aspect of our lives – emotional, social, economic, political and cultural. Individual arts and cultural practitioners working within or across any form of artistic practice – performing arts, visual, new media and digital arts, and literature – can apply. A single applicant could represent collaborative work between individual artists or from collectives and organisations. However, organisations are not eligible to apply.

The proposal can be made in any Indian language, including English, with a project description between 800 and 1,000 words with details such as motivation, process and outcome, timeline and budget, and a recent biodata with work samples. The proposals will then be evaluated by the IFA team, and shortlisted applicants will then have an online discussion with them. The announcement of the 25 grants will be made on Sept. 21, which is IFA's birthday. All the projects will be presented online by IFA (either live or pre-recorded) in January/ February 2021.

Last day for submissions is Sept. 9, 12pm IST.

Brace for another wave of Rainbow Six Siege

ARE YOU GAME?
Anusha Ganapathi

(This economics graduate spends her leisure time preparing for the zombie apocalypse)

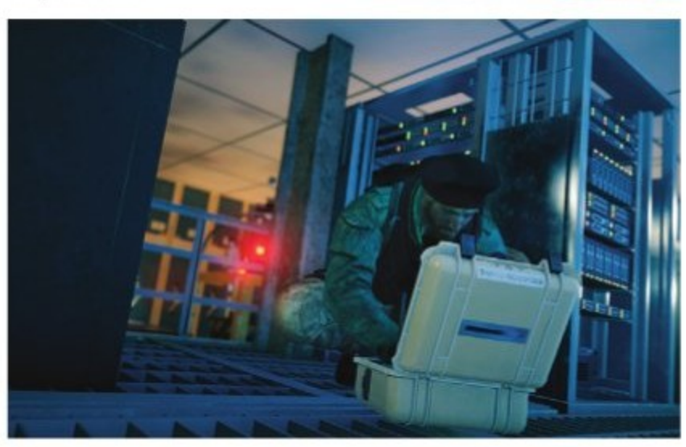
Rainbow Six Siege is not one of the games I normally review – because this game is not one that you can download on a whim and forget about after a few hours of gameplay. No. R6S takes itself very seriously. It shoots a bullet into the air and demands your attention. R6S is a grandchild of Counter Strike and Call of Duty. Team Fortress and Overwatch would like to call themselves its cousins. R6S got the best genes of the lot. R6S is one of those generational games – the kind that you spend hundreds of hours playing, and still just be only kind of good at it.

I normally associate real-time strategy games with bad graphics as games that are typically difficult to master. R6S invalidated this theory within the first 10 seconds of playing it. The game is built to make you fail, but still somehow love it. There are multiple situations possible in matches (hostage protection, bomb defusal –the usual). However, there are no in-game mini-maps. This makes the situations several times harder than they are usually.

To compensate, R6S provides several attack and defence operators; each having nuanced gadgets and strengths. It's quite satisfying to use these gadgets, even if you don't do them right. There is almost always a close equivalent in strengths in the opposing team. While it is necessary to strategise and form the right team balance and master all the different operators' techniques – you also need to be incredibly fast. You could do it all perfectly – barricade and reinforce doors, scan enemy cameras – and still lose in a matter of seconds, if you don't take a peek at your enemies' cards. It is a multi-dimensional rock-paper-scissors game, but the advantage lies in beyond just strategising.

It has been half a decade since this online multiplayer game released, and it has gone through several iterative seasons. Now is a good time to restart playing R6S for a lot of reasons. To start with, it is free on Ubisoft for a week, the Epic games store, and even the Steam store has a sale! A new wave of amateur players are flooding the servers, and the time is ripe to get ahead. Also, Sam Fisher from the Splinter Cell series is set to arrive as a new operator, loaded with some interesting gadgets.

I didn't see even one rainbow, let alone six, so I rate this game six out of seven colours.



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Power cut in the city

There will be intermittent power supply interruption on Sept. 7 and 8 in the areas coming under the 66/11KV Gollahalli MUSS, 66/11KV BTM MUSS & Southcity MUSS, due to maintenance work by BESCOM. The areas that are going to be affected on Monday are Shanimahathma temple, B G Road, Koliform gate and surrounding areas. On Tuesday, the areas to see power cut are Sagar Layout, near Raghavendra Swamy Mata, Devarachikkanahalli Main Road, Kodichikkanahalli, Deo Enclave Layout, Anugraha Layout, Abbaiah Layout, Near Bhagya Grand Hotel, Lake City, Rotary Nagar, Perody Guru apartment and surrounding areas.

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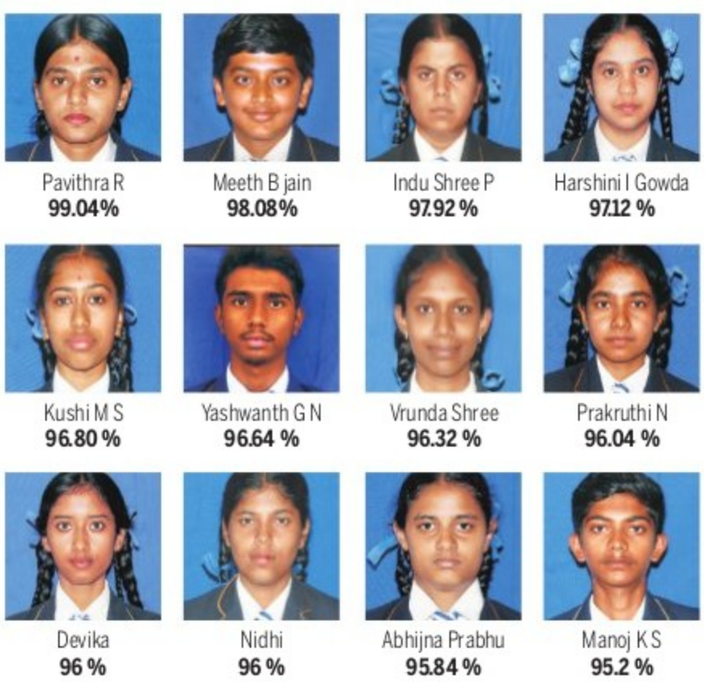

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Dhanveerah to get a *Bumper* teaser on birthday

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Team *Bumper* will release a teaser ahead of actor **Dhanveerah**'s birthday on Sept. 8. The title was released exactly a year ago when the team launched the project. The film, produced by Suprith, will have the hero collaborating with director Hari Santhosh. This is Dhanveerah's second film after his debut *Bazaar*. The commercial entertainer will also see Ramchandra Raju, who came to limelight for his role of Garuda in *KGF Chapter 1*, in a face-off with the hero.

The production house is yet to decide on the shooting schedule. The heroine and rest of the cast are also not finalised yet, although Ajaneesh B Loknath has been brought on board to compose the music.

Shiv Sena activists protest against Kangana Ranaut; actor reacts

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Shiv Sena activists held protests against **Kangana Ranaut** over her recent remarks targeted at Mumbai, its police and her Taliban jibe at the state Home Minister Anil Deshmukh.

On Friday afternoon, the women's wing of the Dindoshi Vidhan Sabha constituency protested by beating Kangana's effigy and posters with shoes and slippers and shouting "Kangana Ranaut haye haye" and "Kangana Ranaut hosh mein aao."

Protests also took place in other parts of Mumbai, including the suburbs. Widespread protests took place in cities like Thane, Palghar, Pune, Aurangabad, Nashik.

This happened after Kangana Ranaut made several remarks targeted at Mumbai city, comparing it with POK, called the Mumbai Police a "sham in the name of Police force," and took a jibe at the politicians using the word 'Taliban'.

"How you promoted yourself from POK to Taliban just in one day is commendable," the actor tweeted on Friday afternoon.

"If you are openly threatening me to lynch me like Palghar Sadhus with stones and rods if I come to Mumbai it's only because you got away with it you killed innocent people and faced no consequences this has empowered you, we want CBI for Palghar lynching," she wrote in a separate tweet.

Reacting to a news piece saying Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh has said that Kangana Ranaut has "no right to stay" in Mumbai and Maharashtra, the actor tweeted, "He is taking his own calls on my democratic rights, from POK to Taliban in one day."

Protests took place across the state after Kangana's jibe on Twitter where political activists raised slogans condemning the actor, stoned her posters and hit the same with shoes, and also burnt her posters and effigies.

Reacting to a news piece showing a video of the protests held by women at Dindoshi, the actor tweeted: "After Sushant and Sadhus murder now beating my posters with chappals for my opinions on administration, it seems Mumbai is addicted to blood."

PUNEETH RAJKUMAR TO RESUME SHOOT FOR *YUVARATHNAA* WITH INTRODUCTION SONG

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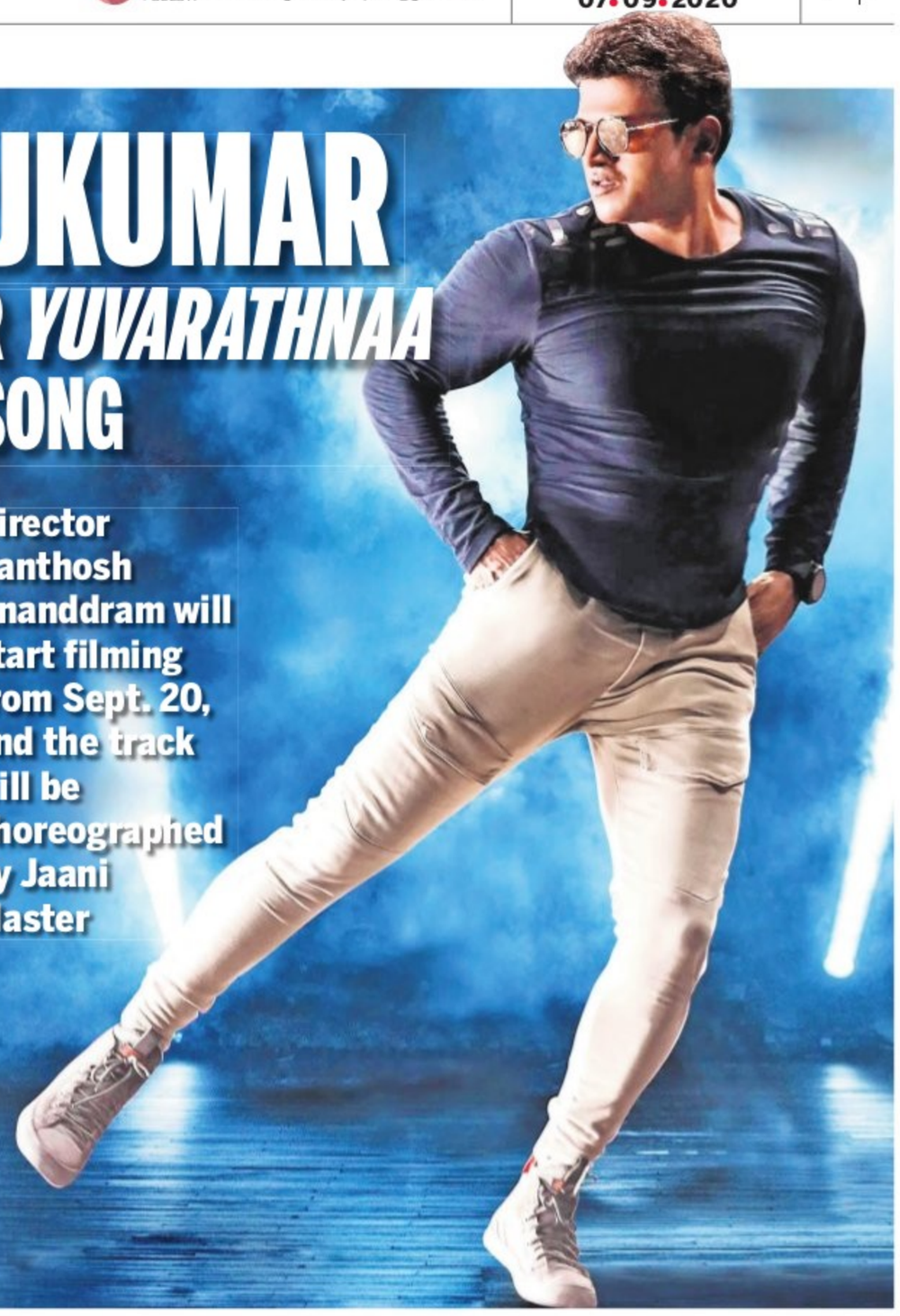
Director Santhosh Anand-dram's update on *Yuvarathnaa* has brought in some cheer to **Puneeth Rajkuamr** fans. The Power Star will resume the shooting for the film on September 20 with an introduction song, which will be choreographed by Jaani Master. The news was given by the director on his Twitter handle. The team, which was left with the shooting of song sequences, had even planned a schedule in March to Austria and Slovenia, which was cancelled at the last minute due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The makers have now decided to film the songs in Goa. The shooting process will take about 20 more days to reach completion. The action commercial entertainer brings together the director-actor and production house Hombale Films for the second time. It has been one of the most expected Kannada films of this year, and its posters and teasers have raised the expectations of viewers. The film is produced by Vijay Kiragandur. The team is almost finished with the post-production work. Along with Puneeth, *Yuvarathnaa* also features Sayyeshaa, who is making her debut. Dhananjay stars as the antagonist. The cast also includes Diganth, Sonu Gowda, and senior actors Raadhika Sharatkumar and Prakash Raj, in pivotal roles. Music has been composed by S Thaman, who has given five tracks for the film, and cinematography is by Venkatesh Anguraj.

Director Santhosh Ananddram will start filming from Sept. 20, and the track will be choreographed by Jaani Master



Need to create gender neutral environment at home: Pankaj Tripathi

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Acclaimed actor Pankaj Tripathi says, be it son or daughter, parents should allow their children to be independent.

"Centuries of conditioning and gender blocks can be defeated only if we consciously create a neutral environment at home. Be it for your son or daughter, I often tell parents to allow their children to be independent," said Tripathi.

He added that if parents instill confidence in children to be their own decision makers, they will be responsible.

"They should take charge of their lives and even as we are available to guide them at every step, we shouldn't overshadow their life with the baggage of our lived experiences and opinions. If we instil the confidence in children to be their own decision makers, they'll be far more responsible," she said.

The actor is winning applause for his role in the recently-released *Gunjan Saxena: The Kargil Girl*. He played Anuj Saxena, father of the protagonist.

"As a parent, I tell my daughter that my wife and I are with her but eventually it's her life and she has to become her own person. Our guidance and support is always there but the choices have to be hers, the victories are hers and the mistakes are hers too," said Tripathi.

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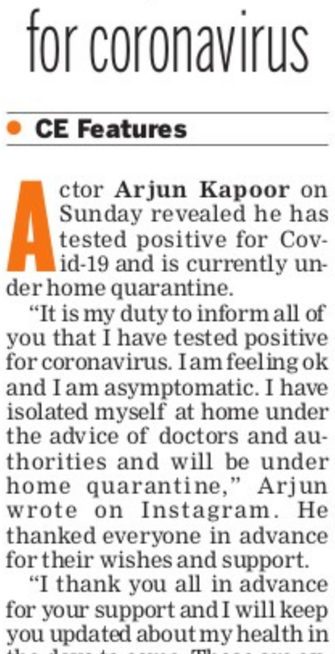

Arjun Kapoor tests positive for coronavirus

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Actor **Arjun Kapoor** on Sunday revealed he has tested positive for Covid-19 and is currently under home quarantine.

"It is my duty to inform all of you that I have tested positive for coronavirus. I am feeling ok and I am asymptomatic. I have isolated myself at home under the advice of doctors and authorities and will be under home quarantine," Arjun wrote on Instagram. He thanked everyone in advance for their wishes and support.

"I thank you all in advance for your support and I will keep you updated about my health in the days to come. These are extraordinary and unprecedented times and I have faith that all of humanity will overcome this virus," Arjun added.

Reacting to the post, Arjun's cousin, actor Harshvarrdhan Kapoor, commented: "Feel better brother, warrior."

Lisa Haydon wished him good health: "Unprecedented. Health to you bro."

"Speediest recovery and super responsible and cool that you have put this out there. Be well soon," Nimrat Kaur conveyed her best wishes to Arjun. Arjun recently stepped out of his home and started shooting for a yet-to-be-titled rom-com co-starring Rakul Preet Singh.

Film director David Fincher's *Mank* first-look images unveiled

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After *Gone Girl*, which was released in 2016, David Fincher has come up with a period film titled *Mank*, which is about Herman Mankiewicz, the Academy-award winning screenwriter of Citizen Kane.

As the film turns 79, the first-look images of *Mank* have been unveiled. The film stars Gary Oldman as Herman Mankiewicz and is predominantly about the making of Citizen Kane, which is still considered to be one of the best achievements in cinema.

Citizen Kane, which was released in 1941, is about a wealthy publisher and industrialist named Charles Foster Kane. The story explores his nature and predicament in the aftermath of his death. It was nominated for several Oscar Awards but it won for the Best Screenplay. The award was shared by Mank and Orson Welles, who is also the director of the film.

Other than Gary Oldman, Mank also stars Lilly Collins, Amanda Seyfried, and Tom Burke.